

1975 No. 177

**SUPREME COURT, NORTHERN IRELAND
PROCEDURE****Election Petition (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Rules 1975**

Made 20th June 1975

Coming into operation 1st September 1975

To be laid before Parliament

We, the Northern Ireland Supreme Court Rules Committee, having for the time being power under section 7 of the Northern Ireland Act 1962(a) to make, amend or revoke rules regulating the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland, and being the authority having for the time being power to make rules for the purposes of Part IX of the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962(b), hereby exercise those powers and all other powers enabling us in that behalf as follows:

1. These rules may be cited as the Election Petition (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Rules 1975 and shall come into force on 1st September 1975.

2. For the reference to Chief Crown Solicitor wherever it occurs in the Election Petition (Northern Ireland) Rules 1964(c) there shall be substituted a reference to the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland..

Dated 20th June 1975.

(Signed) *Robert Lowry*
E. W. Jones
A. McGonigal
Maurice W. Gibson
John MacDermott
J. B. E. Hutton
Ivan Montgomery

(a) 1962 c. 30
(b) 1962 c. 14 (N.I.)

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 83 (p. 436)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The responsibilities of the Chief Crown Solicitor under Part IX of the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962 (which relates to the questioning of elections) have been transferred to the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland. These rules accordingly transfer the responsibilities of the Chief Crown Solicitor under the Election Petition (Northern Ireland) Rules 1964 to the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.