

1980 No. 226

MAGISTRATES' COURTS

Magistrates' Courts (Amendment No. 2) Rules
(Northern Ireland) 1980

Made 18th June 1980

Coming into operation 4th August 1980

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 23 of the Magistrates' Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1964(a) on the advice of the Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice hereby makes the following rules:—

Citation and commencement

1. These rules may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 4th August 1980.

Amendment of the 1974 Rules

2. In rule 22A of the Magistrates' Courts Rules (Northern Ireland) 1974(b) for the words "court clerk or relief clerk" there shall be substituted the words "executive officer, grade two".

Dated 18th June 1980.

Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.

(a) 1964 c. 21 (N.I.)

(b) S.R. 1974 No. 334 (II, p. 1541) as amended by S.R. 1976 No. 200 (I, p. 936)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These rules amend the Magistrates' Courts Rules (Northern Ireland) 1974. Rule 22A is amended by providing that an "executive officer, grade two" may now sign documents or take affidavits, statutory declarations or recognizances on behalf of the clerk of petty sessions when authorised by the clerk of petty sessions or by a resident magistrate to do so.