



Northern Ireland Act 1982

1982 CHAPTER 38

2 General or partial suspension of direct rule

- (1) At any time after proposals have been laid before Parliament under section 1 above Her Majesty may by Order in Council—
 - (a) suspend the operation of the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 ; or
 - (b) suspend the operation of those provisions so far as relating to the transferred matters within the responsibilities of such Northern Ireland department or departments as are specified in the Order.
- (2) No recommendation shall be made to Her Majesty to make an Order under subsection (1) above unless each House of Parliament has passed a resolution approving a draft of the Order and stating that its provisions are, in the opinion of that House, likely to command widespread acceptance throughout the community.
- (3) An Order may be made under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) above without any Order having been made under paragraph (b) of that subsection or, if one or more Orders have been made under paragraph (b) of that subsection, so as to supersede that Order or those Orders.
- (4) No Order under subsection (1)(b) above shall specify the Department of Finance and Personnel or any matters within its responsibilities.
- (5) An Order under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) above shall have effect as provided in Part I of Schedule 1 to this Act; and an Order under paragraph (b) of that subsection shall have effect as provided in Part II of that Schedule.
- (6) An Order under subsection (1) above may contain such transitional provisions as appear to Her Majesty to be required in consequence of the Order.