

*These notes refer to the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland)
Act 2007 (c.6) which received Royal Assent on 24 May 2007*

JUSTICE AND SECURITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Juries

Section 13: Abolition of peremptory challenge in criminal cases

49. **Section 13** amends Article 15 of the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to remove the right of a person arraigned on indictment to challenge up to twelve jurors without the need to show cause (known as ‘peremptory challenge’). It also provides that a judge may hear any challenge for cause in camera or in chambers.