STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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JUDGES

The Maximum Number of Judges Order 1972

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - *20th December* 1972

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 20th day of December 1972

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of the following Order was laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1(2) of the Administration of Justice Act 1968(**a**), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Maximum Number of Judges Order 1972.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The maximum number of judges of the Court of Session which is prescribed by section 1(1)(*c*) of the Administration of Justice Act 1968 shall be increased from 19 to 20 and the maximum number of puisne judges of the High Court in Northern Ireland which is prescribed by section 1(1)(*d*) of that Act shall be increased from 4 to 5.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order increases the maximum number of judges of the Court of Session from 19 to 20 and the maximum number of puisne judges of the High Court in Northern Ireland from 4 to 5.

(**a**) 1968 c. 5. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.

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