1980 No. 116

JUDICATURE, NORTHERN IRELAND
MAGISTRATES' COURTS

Petty Sessions Districts Order (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made . . . . . *25th March 1980*

Coming into operation . . . *2nd June 1980*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 21(2)(**a**) of the Magistrates' Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1964(**b**) and section 1(1)(**c**) of the County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(**d**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Petty Sessions Districts Order (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 2nd June 1980.

Revocation

2. The Petty Sessions Districts Order (Northern Ireland) 1979(**e**) is hereby revoked.

Number and names of petty sessions districts

3. Northern Ireland shall be divided into twenty-five petty sessions districts the names of which shall be as listed in column 1 of the Schedule.

Composition and boundaries of petty sessions districts

4. Each petty sessions district listed in column 1 of the Schedule shall comprise the local government district or districts specified in relation to that petty sessions district in column 2 of the Schedule and the boundary of each petty sessions district shall be such as to include the local government district or districts so specified.

Consequential amendment to county court division

5. In the County Court Divisions Order (Northern Ireland) 1979(**f**)—

(*a*) in Article 1(2) for "1979" substitute "1980";

(*b*) in the Schedule for the entry relating to the county court division of South Antrim substitute the following entry—

"South Antrim	Larne Carrickfergus and Newtownabbey".

Transitional provision

6. No process shall be invalid only because the court is described therein by the name by which it was known prior to the coming into operation of this Order.

Dated 25th March 1980.

Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.

(**a**) as substituted by section 101 of 1978 c. 23
(**b**) 1964 c. 21 (N.I.)
(**c**) as substituted by section 95 of 1978 c. 23
(**d**) 1959 c. 25 (N.I.)
(**e**) S.R. 1979 No. 30 (I, p. 101)
(**f**) S.R. 1979 No. 31 (I, p. 103)

SCHEDULE Articles 3 and 4

Petty Sessions Districts and the Local Government Districts comprised therein

Name of petty sessions district	*Local government district or districts comprised in petty sessions district*
Londonderry	Londonderry
Limavady	Limavady
Coleraine	Coleraine
Ballymoney	Ballymoney
Moyle	Moyle
Larne	Larne
Ballymena	Ballymena
Magherafelt	Magherafelt
Cookstown	Cookstown
Strabane	Strabane
Omagh	Omagh
Fermanagh	Fermanagh
Dungannon	Dungannon
Craigavon	Craigavon
Armagh	Armagh
Newry and Mourne	Newry and Mourne
Banbridge	Banbridge
Down	Down
Lisburn	Lisburn
Antrim	Antrim
Carrickfergus and Newtownabbey	Carrickfergus Newtownabbey
North Down	North Down
Ards	Ards
Castlereagh	Castlereagh
Belfast	Belfast

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This order reduces from 26 to 25 the number of petty sessions districts into which Northern Ireland is divided. It provides for the former petty sessions districts of Newtownabbey and Carrickfergus to be combined to form a new district to be known as the petty sessions district of Carrickfergus and Newtownabbey. The other petty sessions districts remain unchanged.