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Acts Referred to

Courts and Court Officers Act, 1995	1995, No. 31
Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Acts, 1961 to 1996	
Law Reform Commission Act, 1975	1975, No. 3

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE COURTS AND COURT OFFICERS ACT, 1995, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ORDINARY JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. [20*th March,* 1997]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

1.—The Courts and Court Officers Act, 1995, is hereby amended by the substitution of the following section for section 9:

Repeal and substitution of section 9 of Courts and Court Officers Act, 1995.

"Number of ordinary judges of High Court.

9.—(1) The number of ordinary judges of the High Court shall not be more than 22.

(2) The following paragraph shall be sustituted for paragraph (*b*) (inserted by the Courts and Court Officers Act, 1995) of section 14 (1) of the Law Reform Commission Act, 1975:

'(*b*) in case on being so appointed he or she is the President of the High Court or an ordinary judge of the High Court, then for so long as he or she continues to hold the judicial office held by him or her on so being appointed—

(i) the number of ordinary judges of the High Court shall not be more than 23, and

(ii) the reference in section 9 (1) (as inserted by the *Courts Act, 1997*) of the Courts and Court Officers Act, 1995, to 22 shall be construed as a reference to 23, and'.".

2.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Courts Act, 1997.

(2) The Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Acts, 1961 to 1996, and this Act shall be construed together as one and may be cited together as the Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Acts, 1961 to 1997.