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County Courts (Penalties for Contempt) Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 45

An Act to provide for county courts to be treated as superior courts for the purposes of section 14 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981. [13th May 1983]

Be IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. In section 14 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 (penalties Amendment of for contempt of court), after subsection (4) there shall be inserted—section 14 of Contempt of

"(4A) For the purposes of the preceding provisions of Court Act this section a county court shall be treated as a superior ¹⁹⁸¹. court and not as an inferior court.".

2.—(1) This Act may be cited as the County Courts (Penalties Citation, saving and extent.

- (2) This Act does not affect the powers of a county court in relation to a contempt of court committed before the commencement of this Act.
- (3) This Act extends to Northern Ireland, and accordingly the reference in section 1 to section 14 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 includes a reference to that section as set out in Schedule 4 to that Act.