

Ombudsman and Commissioner for Complaints (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

2015 CHAPTER 6

An Act to extend the maximum period for which an acting Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and an acting Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints may hold office. [20th July 2015]

BE IT ENACTED by being passed by the Northern Ireland Assembly and assented to by Her Majesty as follows:

Extension of period for which acting Ombudsman and acting Commissioner may hold office

- **1.**—(1) In Article 6(2)(a) of the Ombudsman (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (maximum period for which acting Ombudsman may hold office) for "12 months" substitute "24 months".
- (2) In Article 5(2)(a) of the Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (maximum period for which acting Commissioner may hold office) for "12 months" substitute "24 months".

Retrospective operation of section 1

2. The amendments made by section 1 are to be regarded as having come into operation on 30 August 2014.

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- **3.**—(1) This Act comes into operation on the day after it receives Royal Assent.
- (2) This Act may be cited as the Ombudsman and Commissioner for Complaints (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.