

Ombudsman and Commissioner for Complaints (Amendment) Bill

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Extend the maximum period for which an acting Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and an acting Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints may hold office.

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”
5 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

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

Commencement and short title

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
15 (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.