



# Human Rights Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 42

### *Introduction*

#### **1 The Convention Rights.**

- (1) In this Act “the Convention rights” means the rights and fundamental freedoms set out in—
  - (a) Articles 2 to 12 and 14 of the Convention,
  - (b) Articles 1 to 3 of the First Protocol, and
  - (c) [<sup>F1</sup>Article 1 of the Thirteenth Protocol],as read with Articles 16 to 18 of the Convention.
- (2) Those Articles are to have effect for the purposes of this Act subject to any designated derogation or reservation (as to which see sections 14 and 15).
- (3) The Articles are set out in Schedule 1.
- (4) The [<sup>F2</sup>Secretary of State] may by order make such amendments to this Act as he considers appropriate to reflect the effect, in relation to the United Kingdom, of a protocol.
- (5) In subsection (4) “protocol” means a protocol to the Convention—
  - (a) which the United Kingdom has ratified; or
  - (b) which the United Kingdom has signed with a view to ratification.
- (6) No amendment may be made by an order under subsection (4) so as to come into force before the protocol concerned is in force in relation to the United Kingdom.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 1(1)(c) substituted (22.6.2004) by [The Human Rights Act 1998 \(Amendment\) Order 2004 \(S. I. 2004/1574\)](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 1 substituted (19.8.2003) by [The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 \(S. I. 2003/1887\)](#), [art. 9](#), [Sch. 2 para. 10\(1\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Human Rights Act 1998, Section 1.