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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Paragraph 92 of Schedule 27 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 creates a new section 36A of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984. This gives the Lord Chancellor a power to designate certain county courts as civil partnership proceedings county courts. Civil partnership proceedings county courts are courts with jurisdiction to hear and determine civil partnership causes. This Order designates the first such courts and in addition designates them as courts of trial.