



District Courts (Scotland) Act 1975

1975 CHAPTER 20

An Act to make provision as respects district courts and justices of the peace in Scotland, to amend sections 28 and 29 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1959; and for connected purposes. [27th March 1975]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Power to repeal conferred (10.12.2007) by [Criminal Proceedings etc. \(Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(asp 6\)](#), ss. {64(4)}, 84(1); S.S.I 2007/479, {art. 3(1)}
- C2 Power to modify conferred (10.12.2007) by [Criminal Proceedings etc. \(Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(asp 6\)](#), ss. {64(6)(7)}, 84(1); S.S.I 2007/479, {art. 3(1)}

PART I

DISTRICT COURTS

1 Abolition of existing inferior courts and establishment of district courts.

- (1) On 16th May 1975 the inferior courts in Scotland existing immediately before that date (in this Act referred to as “the existing courts”) shall cease to exist, and on that date there shall be established, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, a district court for each commission area except in the case of a commission area in respect of which the Secretary of State otherwise directs, having regard to the likely lack of business for such a court.

In this subsection, “inferior courts” means all justice of the peace courts, quarter sessions, burgh courts, police courts, and the court of the bailie of the river and firth of Clyde.

- (2) On and after that date, all functions of burgh magistrates, not otherwise provided for, shall be exercisable by a justice of the peace.
- (3) Where proceedings were instituted before that date in any existing court and those proceedings have not been completed by that date, then, for the purpose of enabling

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those proceedings to be continued on and after that date, and for preserving in other respects the continuity of the administration of justice—

- (a) the district court having jurisdiction in the area where the proceedings were instituted shall be treated as succeeding to, and being the same court as, the existing court concerned, and any verdict, sentence, order, complaint, notice, citation, warrant, bail bond or other proceedings or document shall have effect accordingly; and
 - (b) the clerk and the prosecutor of the existing court shall transfer all records, productions and documents relating to those proceedings to the clerk or, as the case may be, the prosecutor of the district court concerned.
- (4) Where proceedings were instituted after 14th May 1969 in any existing court and were completed on or before 15th May 1975, the clerk of that court shall transfer all complaints, minutes and other records relating thereto to the clerk of the district court concerned.
- (5) In the case of any other record or document relating to proceedings in the existing courts, the person having custody of it shall, on request by or on behalf of a district court, release it to that court for the purpose of proceedings in that court, and any record or document so released shall be returned to the person who released it as soon as may be after it has ceased to be required for the said purposes.

[^{F1}1A Further provision as to establishment and disestablishment of district courts.

- (1) Where it appears to the Secretary of State that—
 - (a) there is insufficient business for the district court in a particular commission area; and
 - (b) such insufficiency of business is likely to continue,
 he may by order provide that the district court for that area cease to exist on a specified date.
- (2) Where it appears to the Secretary of State that, in a commission area in which there is no district court, there is likely to be sufficient business to justify the establishment of such a court, he may by order provide for the establishment of such a court in that area on a specified date.
- (3) An order under subsection (1) or (2) above may contain all such provisions as appear to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient for rendering the order of full effect and any incidental, supplemental or consequential provisions which appear to him to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the order, including, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing words, provisions amending, repealing or revoking any enactment (whether passed or made before or after the commencement of this enactment).
- (4) Before making an order under subsection (1) or (2) above, the Secretary of State shall consult the [^{F2}local authority] for the area concerned, and such other persons as appear to him to have an interest in the proposed order.
- (5) Orders under subsection (1) or (2) above shall be made by statutory instrument, which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1A inserted by Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985 (c. 73, SIF 36:1), s. 33
- F2** Words in s. 1A(4) substituted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 96(2)**; S.I. 1996/323, art. 4(1)(c)

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Textual Amendments

- F3** S. 2 repealed (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 40, ss. 6, 7(2), **Sch. 5**(with Sch. 3 paras. 1, 3, 6, 16)

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Textual Amendments

- F4** Ss. 2-4 repealed (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 40, ss. 6, 7(2), **Sch. 5**(with Sch. 3 paras. 1, 3, 6, 16)

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Textual Amendments

- F5** Ss. 2-4 repealed (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 40, ss. 6, 7(2), **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 3 paras. 1, 3, 6, 7, 16)

5 Stipendiary magistrates.

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) below, a local authority may appoint a stipendiary magistrate to sit in a district court, and the terms and conditions of such an appointment, including superannuation and other benefits, shall be those applicable to service in local government.
- (2) A person shall not be appointed to be a stipendiary magistrate unless he is, and has been for at least five years, legally qualified, and for the purposes of this subsection a person shall be legally qualified if he is an advocate or a solicitor.
- (3) A person shall not be appointed to be a stipendiary magistrate until the Secretary of State approves—
 - (a) the establishment of the office of stipendiary magistrate in the district court concerned;
 - (b) the salary which it is proposed should pertain to that office; and
 - (c) the appointment of the person proposed for that office.
- (4) Where it appears to the Secretary of State that it is expedient so to do in order to avoid delays in the administration of justice in any district court, he may direct the local authority concerned to appoint a person qualified to be so appointed to act as

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stipendiary magistrate in that court during such period as the Secretary of State thinks fit.

- (5) Any person who immediately before 16th May 1975 holds office as stipendiary magistrate for any area shall, on that date, become stipendiary magistrate in the district court having jurisdiction in that area and shall be deemed in all respects to have been appointed by virtue of this section.
- (6) The salary of any such stipendiary magistrate as is mentioned in subsection (5) above shall not be less than that payable to him immediately before 16th May 1975.
- (7) Every stipendiary magistrate shall, by virtue of his office, be a justice of the peace for the commission area in which he is appointed.
- (8) Section 12 of the ^{M1}Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (removal from office of sheriff) shall apply in relation to a stipendiary magistrate as it applies in relation to a sheriff.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 S. 5(1) extended (4.1.1995) by 1994 c. 39, s. 50(1)(with s. 7(2)); S.I. 1994/2850, art. 3(a), **Sch. 2**

Marginal Citations

M1 1971 c. 58.

^{F6}6

Textual Amendments

F6 S. 6 repealed (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 40, ss. 6, 7(2), **Sch. 5**(with Sch. 3 paras. 1, 3, 6, 16)

7 Clerk of district court.

- (1) It shall be the duty of each local authority to appoint and employ, whether on a full-time or part-time basis, an officer to act as clerk of the district court for their area, who shall also act as legal assessor in that court, and any person so appointed shall be an advocate or a solicitor.
- (2) There shall be transferred to the clerks of the district courts all functions hitherto exercisable by clerks of the existing courts.

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Textual Amendments

F7 S. 7(3) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1)(2), Sch. 13 para. 96(3), **Sch. 15**; S.I. 1996/323, art. 4(1)(d), **Sch. 2**

8 Court houses for district court.

- (1) Every local authority shall provide suitable and sufficient premises and facilities for the purposes of the district court.

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- (2) Without prejudice to subsection (1) above, every regional, islands or district council having control of premises used to any extent for the purposes of the existing courts as at 15th May 1975 shall make those premises available for the purposes of the district court, and, where those premises include accommodation used by the prosecutor in the existing courts or in the district courts, that accommodation shall be made available to any procurator fiscal appointed by the Lord Advocate to serve in the district court for such period and at such times as the fiscal may require.

PART II

JUSTICES AND CLERKS OF THE PEACE

Justices of the peace

9 Appointment and removal of justices.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, there shall, in Scotland, be a commission of the peace for each commission area; and the commission for any commission area shall be a commission under the Great Seal addressed generally, and not by name, to all such persons as may from time to time hold office as justices of the peace for the commission area.
- (2) Justices of the peace for any commission area, other than stipendiary magistrates and ex officio justices, shall be appointed by name on behalf and in the name of Her Majesty by instrument under the hand of the Secretary of State,^{F8} . . .
- [^{F9}(2A) That instrument shall specify whether the appointment is as a full justice or as a signing justice, and the name of any signing justice so appointed shall be entered in the supplemental list.
- ^{F9}(2B) A signing justice may, subject to sections 9A, 12 and 15(1) of this Act, be appointed under subsection (2) above as a full justice.]
- [^{F10}(2C) A signing justice may, in the name of Her Majesty and by instrument under the hand of the Scottish Ministers, be removed from office.]
- (3) Subject to subsection (4) below and section 10 of this Act, a person shall not be appointed to hold office as a justice of the peace for any commission area under subsection (2) above and shall not act as a justice for that area unless he lives in or within 15 miles of that area.
- (4) The residential requirements mentioned in subsection (3) above shall not apply in any case where it appears to the Secretary of State to be in the public interest that those requirements should not apply and he so directs; and, where any such direction relates to the appointment of any person as a justice for any commission area, it shall have effect, and shall be treated for the purposes of this Act, as an instrument appointing that person to hold office as a justice for that area in accordance with subsection (2) above.
- (5) A direction given under subsection (4) above may be made subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State thinks fit.
- (6) Where a direction given under subsection (4) above is rescinded by a further direction and at that time the justice to whom it relates does not meet the residential requirements

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mentioned in subsection (3) above, that further direction shall have effect, and shall be treated for the purposes of this Act, as ^{F11}if it were an instrument made under subsection (7) below removing the justice from office].

- (7) Where a person appointed justice of the peace for any area is not qualified under the foregoing provisions of this section to act by virtue of the appointment, he shall be removed from office by an instrument ^{F12}in the name of Her Majesty under the hand of the Scottish Ministers, if they are] of the opinion that the appointment ought not to continue having regard to the probable duration and other circumstances of the want of qualification.
- (8) No appointment of a justice of the peace nor any act of a justice shall be invalidated by reason only of the fact that a justice of the peace so appointed or so acting does not meet the residential requirements mentioned in subsection (3) above, or does not comply with any condition imposed by the Secretary of State under subsection (5) above.
- ^{F13}(8A) In making appointments of justices of the peace, the Scottish Ministers shall comply with such requirements as to procedure and consultation as may be prescribed by regulations made by them.
- ^{F13}(8B) Regulations under subsection (8A) above shall be made by statutory instrument.
- ^{F13}(8C) No such regulations shall be made unless laid in draft before, and approved by resolution of, the Scottish Parliament.]
- (9) There shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary of State—
- (a) a record of all persons for the time being holding office as a justice of the peace;
 - (b) the instruments of appointment (if any) of those persons;
 - ^{F14}(bb) a record of orders under section 9A(1) of this Act which have come into operation;]
 - (c) the instruments of removal (if any) of those who have held that office; and
 - (d) the supplemental list provided for by section 15 below.
- (10) The Secretary of State shall cause to be transmitted to the clerk of the peace for each commission area a copy of any instrument appointing or removing a justice of the peace for that area in accordance with subsection (2) ^{F15}, (2C) or (7) above or section 11(7) of this Act] and notification of the names of any justices ^{F16}whose names have been entered in] the supplemental list.
- (11) Subject to any express amendment or repeal made by this Act, any enactment passed or instrument made before the passing of this Act shall have effect on and after 16th May 1975 as if—
- (a) any reference to a person appointed justice by a commission of the peace or to a person being removed from a commission of the peace were a reference to his being appointed or removed from office in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and
 - (b) any reference to a supplemental list in connection with the commission of peace for any area were a reference to the supplemental list kept by virtue of this Act.
- ^{F17}(12) In this section—

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a “full justice” means a justice of the peace who is qualified as a justice to do any act (including any function of a judicial nature) or to be a member of any committee or other body; and

a “signing justice” means a justice of the peace who is qualified only to do all or any of the acts as a justice set out in section 15(9) of this Act.]

Textual Amendments

- F8** Words in s. 9(2) repealed (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, ss. 9(3), 12, **Sch. para. 2(1)(a)**
- F9** S. 9(2A)(2B) inserted (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, s. 8(a)
- F10** S. 9(2C) inserted (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, s. 9(2)(3)
- F11** Words in s. 9(6) substituted (9.9.2000) by 2000 asp 9, ss. 9(3), 12, **Sch. para. 2(1)(b)**
- F12** Words in s. 9(7) substituted (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, s. 9(3), 12, **Sch. para. 2(1)(c)**
- F13** S. 9(8A)(8B)(8C) inserted (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, s. 8(b)
- F14** S. 9(9)(bb) inserted (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, ss. 9(3), 12, **Sch. para. 2(1)(d)**
- F15** Words in s. 9(10) substituted (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, ss. 9(3), 12, **Sch. para. 2(1)(e)(i)**
- F16** Words in s. 9(10) substituted (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, ss. 9(3), 12, **Sch. para. 2(1)(e)(ii)**
- F17** S. 9(12) inserted (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, s. 8(c)

[^{F18}9A Removal and restriction of functions of justices

- (1) A full justice may be removed from office or be restricted to having the functions of a signing justice by, and only by, order of the tribunal constituted by and under subsection (3) below (the “tribunal”); but this subsection is without prejudice to sections 9(4) (as read with (6)) and (7), 12(2) and 15(1) of this Act.
- (2) The tribunal may make an order under subsection (1) above only if, after investigation carried out at the request of the Scottish Ministers, it finds that the full justice is, by reason of inability, neglect of duty or misbehaviour—
 - (a) unfit for office as such; or, as the case may be,
 - (b) unfit for performing functions of a judicial nature.
- (3) The tribunal shall consist of the following three members, who shall be appointed by the Lord President of the Court of Session—
 - (a) a sheriff principal (who shall preside);
 - (b) a person who is, and has been for at least ten years, legally qualified within the meaning of section 5(2) of this Act; and
 - (c) one other person.
- (4) Except in a case to which subsection (5) below applies, the sheriff principal shall be the sheriff principal for the sheriffdom which includes the commission area for which the justice who is the subject of the investigation was appointed.
- (5) This subsection applies where it appears to the Lord President of the Court of Session to be inappropriate for that sheriff principal to be a member of the tribunal.
- (6) The sheriff principal referred to in subsection (3)(a) above shall not be a temporary sheriff principal.
- (7) Regulations, made by the Scottish Ministers—

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- (a) may make provision enabling the tribunal, at any time during an investigation, to suspend a full justice from office or from performing functions of a judicial nature and providing as to the effect and duration of such suspension;
 - (b) shall make such further provision as respects the tribunal as the Scottish Ministers consider necessary or expedient, including provision for the procedure to be followed by and before it.
- (8) Regulations under subsection (7) above shall be made by statutory instrument.
- (9) No such regulations shall be made unless laid in draft before, and approved by resolution of, the Scottish Parliament.
- (10) A person who has been removed under subsection (1) above from the office of justice shall be ineligible for re appointment; and a justice whose functions have been restricted under that subsection to those of a signing justice shall be ineligible for re appointment as a full justice.
- (11) The name of a person who is the subject of an order under subsection (1) above, restricting that person's functions to those of a signing justice, shall be entered in the supplemental list.
- (12) The Scottish Ministers shall send a copy of each order under subsection (1) above to the clerk of the peace for the commission area for which the justice who is the subject of the order was appointed.
- (13) In this section, "full justice" and "signing justice" have the same meanings as in section 9 of this Act.]

Textual Amendments

F18 S. 9A inserted (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, s. 9(1)(3)

10 Existing justices and magistrates.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, any person holding office as justice of the peace for any area immediately before 16th May 1975 by virtue of the entry of his name in any commission of the peace—
- (a) who resides in the area to which that commission relates shall, on and after that date, hold that office for the commission area in which he resides at that date;
 - (b) who does not so reside shall, on and after that date, hold that office for the commission area in which he resided at the time of his appointment under such commission.
- (2) Any person holding office as a magistrate or judge of police of a burgh immediately before 16th May 1975 shall, on and after that date, hold office as justice of the peace for the commission area in which the burgh was situated.
- (3) Any person holding office as justice of the peace for any commission area on or after 16th May 1975 by virtue of the provisions of subsection (1) or (2) above shall hold that office as if appointed in accordance with section 9(2) of this Act as a justice for that area.
- (4) Where the Secretary of State is satisfied in all the circumstances that it is expedient that any such person as is mentioned in subsection (1) above should hold that office for

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another commission area, he may so direct, and any such direction shall have effect, and shall be treated for the purposes of this Act, as an instrument appointing that person in accordance with the said section 9(2) to hold office for such commission area as is mentioned in the direction.

(5) F19

Textual Amendments

F19 Ss. 10(5), 11(8), 13(3), 17(2), 22 repealed by Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 (c. 66), Sch. 8

11 Ex officio justices.

(1) Any person holding office as justice of the peace for any area immediately before 16th May 1975 by virtue of any other office for the time being held by him shall, on that date, cease to hold office as justice for that area, notwithstanding the provisions of any enactment or of any instrument in terms of which he holds that office.

(2) Each local authority may nominate up to one quarter of their members to serve as ex officio justices for their area, and any person so nominated shall hold office as ex officio justice from the date on which the local authority intimate their nomination to the Secretary of State and shall continue as such for the period during which he remains a member of the authority and continues to retain the authority's nomination.

[^{F20}(2A) The name of a person appointed as an ex officio justice under subsection (2) above shall be entered in the supplemental list.]

(3) Subject to subsection (4) below, any person nominated to serve as an ex officio justice shall, before acting as such a justice, take the oath of allegiance and judicial oath in accordance with the ^{M2}Promissory Oaths Act 1868 and the ^{M3}Promissory Oaths Act 1871.

(4) A person re-nominated to serve as an ex officio justice immediately after the expiry of a previous term as such shall not require to take again the oaths mentioned in subsection (3) above.

(5) Each local authority shall intimate to the Secretary of State the date on which a person duly nominated under subsection (2) above ceases to be a member of the authority or on which his nomination is terminated by the authority.

(6) A person duly nominated under subsection (2) above shall not be treated as having ceased to be a member of the local authority during any period when he is standing for re-election to that authority.

(7) [^{F21}Subject to section 12 of this Act,]A person holding office as an ex officio justice by virtue of subsection (2) above shall hold office as if appointed in accordance with section 9(2) of this Act as a justice for the commission area concerned [^{F22}and, notwithstanding that he remains a duly nominated member of the authority, may be removed from office [^{F23}by an instrument in the name of Her Majesty under the hand of the Scottish Ministers.]]

(8) F24

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Textual Amendments

- F20** S. 11(2A) inserted (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, s. 12, **Sch. para. 2(2)(a)**
- F21** Words in s. 11(7) inserted (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, s. 12, **Sch. para. 2(2)(b)(i)**
- F22** Words inserted by Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985 (c. 73, SIF 36:1), s. 34(a)
- F23** Words in s. 11(7) substituted (9.8.2000) 2000 asp 9, s. 12, **Sch. para. 2(2)(b)(ii)**
- F24** Ss. 10(5), 11(8), 13(3), 17(2), 22 repealed by Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 (c. 66), **Sch. 8**

Marginal Citations

- M2** 1868 c. 72.
- M3** 1871 c. 48.

[^{F25}12 Restriction of functions of justices who are councillors etc.

- (1) A member of a local authority—
- (a) shall not be appointed to hold office as a full justice;
 - (b) may be appointed as a signing justice.
- (2) A full justice who—
- (a) at the coming into force of section 9 of the Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (asp 9) is; or
 - (b) at any time thereafter becomes,
- (1) a member of a local authority, shall thereupon become a signing justice.
- (3) The name of a person—
- (a) appointed as a justice under subsection (1)(b) above;
 - (b) who becomes a signing justice by virtue of the operation of subsection (2) above,
- shall be entered in the supplemental list.
- (4) In subsection (1) above—
- “local authority” includes the Service Authority for the National Criminal Intelligence Service;
- “full justice” and “signing justice” have the same meanings as in section 9 of this Act.]

Textual Amendments

- F25** S. 12 substituted (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, s. 10

13 Disqualification of solicitor who is a justice.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, it shall not be lawful for any solicitor who is a justice of the peace for any commission area, nor for any partner of his, nor for any member of his or his firm’s staff, to act directly or indirectly as a solicitor in or in connection with any proceedings before—
- (a) a district court for that area;
 - (b)

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(2) The disqualification imposed by the foregoing subsection shall not apply to a solicitor who is a justice of the peace for any area and whose name is entered on the supplementary list.

(3) F27

Textual Amendments

F26 Words repealed by [Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 1976 \(c. 66\)](#), [Sch. 8](#)

F27 [Ss. 10\(5\), 11\(8\), 13\(3\), 17\(2\), 22](#) repealed by [Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 1976 \(c. 66\)](#), [Sch. 8](#)

[^{F28}**13A Disqualification in case of sequestration or bankruptcy.**

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) below, a person shall be disqualified for being appointed or acting as a justice of the peace if he is a person whose estate has been sequestrated in Scotland or who has been adjudged bankrupt elsewhere than in Scotland.

(2) Where a person is disqualified under this section by reason of his estate having been sequestrated, the disqualification shall cease if and when—

- (a) the award of sequestration is recalled or reduced; or
- (b) he is discharged under or by virtue of the [Bankruptcy \(Scotland\) Act](#) ^{M4}1985.

(3) Where a person is disqualified under this section by reason of having been adjudged bankrupt, the disqualification shall cease if and when—

- (a) the adjudication of bankruptcy against him is annulled; or
- (b) he is discharged.]

Textual Amendments

F28 [S. 13A](#) inserted by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 1(2), [Sch. 2 Pt. I para. 2](#)

Marginal Citations

M4 [1985 c. 66 \(66\)](#).

14 Courses for justices.

The Secretary of State may make schemes and provide courses for the instruction of justices of the peace, and it shall be the duty of the justices' committee of a commission area to implement and administer any such schemes in accordance with arrangements approved by the Secretary of State.

15 Supplemental list.

(1) Subject to subsection (5) below, there shall be entered in the supplemental list the name of any justice of the peace who is of the age of 70 years or over.

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(3) On a person's appointment as a justice of the peace for any area, the Secretary of State may direct that his name shall be entered in the supplemental list if that person is

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appointed a justice for that area on ceasing to be a justice for some other area (including any commission area within the meaning of the ^{M5}Administration of Justice Act 1973).

- (4) The name of a justice of the peace shall be entered in the supplemental list if he applies for it to be entered and the application is approved by the Secretary of State.
- (5) Nothing in subsections (1) to (4) above shall apply to a person holding office as stipendiary magistrate.
- (6) A person's name shall be removed from the supplemental list if he ceases to be a justice of the peace.
- ^{F29}(7)
- (8) Subject to the following subsections, a justice of the peace for any area, while his name is entered in the supplemental list, shall not, by reason of being a justice for that area, be qualified as a justice to do any act or to be a member of any committee or other body.
- [^{F30}(8A) A justice whose name is, under this section, entered in the supplemental list is a signing justice within the meaning of section 9(12) of this Act.]
- (9) Subsection (8) above shall not preclude a justice from doing all or any of the following acts as a justice, that is to say—
- (a) signing any document for the purpose of authenticating another person's signature;
 - (b) taking and authenticating by his signature any written declaration; and
 - (c) giving a certificate of facts within his knowledge or of his opinion as to any matter.
- (10) No act or appointment shall be invalidated by reason of the disqualification under subsection (8) above of the person acting or appointed.
- (11) Where immediately before 16th May 1975 a person's name is entered in the supplemental list kept in connection with any commission of the peace by virtue of section 4 of the Justices of the ^{M6}Peace Act 1949, his name shall be treated as included in the supplemental list for Scotland under this section

Textual Amendments

F29 S. 15(2)(7) repealed (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, s. 12, **Sch. para. 2(3)(a)**

F30 S. 15(8A) inserted (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 9, s. 12, **Sch. para. 2(3)(b)**

Marginal Citations

M5 1973 c. 15.

M6 1949 c. 101.

16 Justices' committees.

- (1) There shall be constituted in accordance with this section a justices' committee for every commission area which shall—
- (a) assist and advise the local authority concerned on any matter relating to the administration of the district court;
 - (b) approve the duty rota of justices;

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- (c) secure that adequate training arrangements for justices are made for their area in accordance with a scheme made under section 14 above, and that these arrangements are adhered to by justices;
 - (d) take such other steps as appear to them to be appropriate in order to secure the effective administration of justice in the district court.
- (2) The clerk of the peace for a commission area shall, before 16th June 1975 and during the month preceding 16th June in every following year, call a meeting of the justices for that area, at such place and time as he may consider convenient, to elect from their number a justices' committee.
- [^{F31}(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2) above, “justices” includes signing justices who are or have become such by operation of section 12 of this Act.]
- (3) The Secretary of State may prescribe the upper and lower limits of the number of members of which a committee in any commission area may be composed.
 - (4) A stipendiary magistrate appointed to any commission area shall, by virtue of his office, be a member of the committee for that area.
 - (5) The members of a committee shall elect from among themselves a chairman, who shall preside at their meetings.
 - (6) The clerk of the peace for a commission area shall, by virtue of his office, be secretary to the committee for that area.
 - (7) A justices' committee may regulate their own procedure.

Textual Amendments

F31 S. 16(2A) inserted (9.8.2000) by asp 9, Sch. para. 2(4)

17 Allowances.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a justice of the peace shall be entitled to receive payments . . . ^{F32} by way of travelling allowance or subsistence allowance where expenditure on travelling or, as the case may be, on subsistence is necessarily incurred by him for the purpose of enabling him to perform any of his duties as a justice, and to receive payments . . . ^{F32} by way of financial loss allowance where for that purpose there is incurred by him any other expenditure to which he would not otherwise be subject or there is suffered by him any loss of earnings or of benefit under the National Insurance Acts 1965 to 1973 which he would otherwise have made or received.
- (2) ^{F33}
- (3) A justice attending a meeting of justices authorised by or under any enactment or approved by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this section shall be deemed to be acting in the performance of his duties as a justice.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, a justice attending a course of instruction provided in accordance with arrangements made by the Secretary of State or by a justices' committee, by virtue of section 14 of this Act, or such other course as may be approved by the Secretary of State, shall be deemed to be acting in the performance of his duties as a justice.

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- (5) A justice shall not be entitled to any payment under this section in respect of any duties if, in respect of those duties, a payment of the like nature may be paid to him under arrangements made apart from this section or if regulations provide that this section shall not apply.

[^{F34}(5A) Allowances payable under this section shall be paid at rates determined by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Minister for the Civil Service.]

- (6) An allowance payable under this section to a justice for any area in respect of his duties as such shall be paid by the local authority concerned.
- (7) Regulations may make provision as to the manner in which this section is to be administered and, in particular—
- [^{F35}(a) for prescribing the forms to be used and the particulars to be provided for the purpose of claiming payment of allowances;]
- (b) for avoiding duplication between payments under this section and under other arrangements where expenditure is incurred for more than one purpose, and otherwise for preventing abuse.
- (8) Regulations for the purposes of this section shall be made by the Secretary of State by statutory instrument, which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (9) The provisions of this section do not apply to stipendiary magistrates.

Textual Amendments

F32 Words repealed by Administration of Justice Act 1977 (c. 38), Sch. 5 Pt. II

F33 Ss. 10(5), 11(8), 13(3), 17(2), 22 repealed by Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 (c. 66), Sch. 8

F34 S. 17(5A) inserted by Administration of Justice Act 1977 (c. 38), Sch. 2 para. 9(a)

F35 S. 17(7)(a) substituted by Administration of Justice Act 1977 (c. 38), Sch. 2 para. 9(b)

Clerks of the peace

18 Appointment and duties of clerk of peace.

- (1) Any person who immediately before 16th May 1975 holds office as clerk of the peace for any area shall, on that date, cease to hold that office, notwithstanding the provisions of any enactment or of any instrument in terms of which any person holds that office.
- (2) On and after that date, the duties of clerk of the peace shall, subject to subsection (3) below, be performed in each commission area by an officer of the local authority concerned, and it shall be the duty of every such authority to appoint and employ, whether on a full-time or part-time basis, an officer to hold the office of clerk of the peace for their area for the purpose of performing those duties.

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- (4) It shall be the duty of the clerk of the peace for any commission area—
- (a) to advise and assist the justices in the performance of their functions;
- (b) to arrange meetings of the justices for that area;
- (c) to cause to be kept a record of—

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- (i) those for the time being holding office as a justice for that area, and
 - (ii) those having held that office who have ceased to do so,
- and to include in that record a copy of any instrument appointing or removing a justice for that area in accordance with section 9(2) of this Act;
- (d) to cause to be kept a record of the justices in that area whose names are entered in the supplemental list;
 - (e) to notify the Secretary of State of all deaths and resignations of justices in that area and of any justice in that area who has become incapable of exercising any function as a justice or who has ceased to meet the residential requirements mentioned in section 9(3) above;
 - (f) to carry out such further duties as may be prescribed.

Textual Amendments

F36 S. 18(3) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(2), **Sch. 14**; S.I. 1996/323, art. 4(1)(d), **Sch. 2**

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Miscellaneous

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Textual Amendments

F37 S. 19 repealed by **Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985** (c. 73, SIF 36:1), s. 59, **Sch. 4**

20 Custody of records.

- (1) Subject to section 1 of this Act and the provisions of this section, the clerk of the peace for any area shall, on or before 15th May 1975, transmit to the Keeper of the Records of Scotland all justice of the peace records, other than records relating to licensing under the Licensing Acts, being records of which at that date he has the custody under the ^{M7}Public Records (Scotland) Act 1937; and, for the purposes of this subsection, justice of the peace records shall be deemed to include the commission of the peace.
- (2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4) below, records of county licensing courts and courts of appeal shall, on or before 15th May 1975, be transferred to and vest in the local authority concerned within whose area the court to which those records relate has jurisdiction.
- (3) Where the area within which such a court has jurisdiction is divided so that the area falls within the areas of two or more districts, the records relating to that court shall be transferred to and vest in the district council whose area includes, according to the latest census (not being a sample census), the greater part of the population of the area within which that court has jurisdiction.

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- (4) Where, under subsection (3) above, the records of a court have vested in a district council, that council shall make the records available for consultation to any other council to which that subsection relates.
- (5) All records relating to the appointment of justices of the peace for any commission area under this Act, to their acts as justices for that area (whether under the Licensing Acts or not), and to their ceasing to hold office as justices for that area, shall be records of the local authority concerned; and shall be records belonging to that authority for the purposes of section 200(7) to (10) of the^{M8} Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
- (6) Any dispute as to the vesting of records under this section shall be referred to and determined by the Secretary of State, whose decision in the matter shall be final.

Marginal Citations

M7 1937 c. 43.

M8 1973 c. 65.

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Textual Amendments

F38 S. 21 repealed by Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 (c. 47, SIF 77:2), ss. 43, 45(3), Sch. 4 para. 3(1), **Sch. 5**

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Textual Amendments

F39 Ss. 10(5), 11(8), 13(3), 17(2), 22 repealed by Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 (c. 66), **Sch. 8**

23 District court and justice of peace expenses and destination of fines.

- (1) All expenses in connection with the district court and justice of the peace business shall be defrayed by the local authority concerned.
- (2) Except where otherwise provided, all fines imposed in the district court shall accrue to the local authority concerned.
- (3) A local authority shall defray the expenses of any appeal in which the district prosecutor is involved in connection with proceedings brought by him in his capacity as district prosecutor.
- (4) A local authority may defray the expenses of any action brought against the district prosecutor in connection with the exercise of his functions, and may relieve him from any liability imposed as a result of such an action.
- (5) Having regard to the additional expenditure incurred or likely to be incurred by local authorities in the year 1975-76, which is attributable to the coming into operation of

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any provision of this Act, the Secretary of State may redetermine for that year the amount and portion mentioned in section 2(2)(a) and (b) of the ^{M9}Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966, and by an order, made in the like manner and subject to the like provisions as a rate support grant order, increase the amount fixed by the relevant rate support grant order as the aggregate amount of the rate support grants and any element of the grants for that year.

- (6) The provisions of sections 2 and 3 of the said Act of 1966, relating to consultation and to a report of the considerations leading to a determination under the said section 2, shall apply to a redetermination under subsection (5) above as they apply to a determination under that section.
- (7) Expressions used in subsections (5) and (6) above have the same meanings as in the said Act of 1966.

Marginal Citations

M9 1966 c. 51.

General

24 Amendments and repeals.

- (1) The enactments mentioned in Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect subject to the amendments respectively specified in that Schedule, being minor amendments or amendments consequential on the provisions of this Act.
- (2) The enactments mentioned in Schedule 2 to this Act (which includes certain obsolete or unnecessary enactments) are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order amend, repeal or revoke any provision of an Act passed or an instrument under an Act made before 16th May 1975 if it appears to him that that provision is inconsistent with any provision of this Act or requires modification in consequence of this Act.
- (4) Where any local enactment provides for any matter which is also provided for by any provision of this Act or of any order made thereunder, the provision of this Act, or, as the case may be, of that order, shall have effect in substitution for the local enactment, which shall cease to have effect.
- (5) Any order made under this section shall be made by statutory instrument, which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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25 Expenses.

There shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament—

- (a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under this Act; and
- (b) any increase attributable to the provisions of this Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any other enactment.

26 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“clerk of the district court” includes such depute clerk as may be required for the purposes of any district court;

[^{F40}“commission area” means the area of a local authority;]

“district prosecutor” includes such depute or assistant district prosecutor as may be required for the purposes of any district court;

“justice” or “justice of the peace” means a justice of the peace appointed under section 9 of this Act or deemed to have been so appointed;

“licensing court” and “court of appeal” have the same meanings as in the ^{M10}Licensing (Scotland) Act 1959;

[^{F41}“local authority” means a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994]

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.

(2) Any power conferred by this Act to make an order shall include power, exercisable in like manner and subject to the same conditions, to vary or revoke the order by a subsequent order.

(3) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act to any other enactment is a reference thereto as amended, extended or applied by or under any other enactment, including this Act.

Textual Amendments

F40 S. 26: definition of “commission area” substituted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 96(5)(a)**; S.I. 1996/323, **art. 4(1)(c)**

F41 S. 26: definition of “local authority” substituted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 96(5)(b)**; S.I. 1996/323, **art. 4(1)(c)**

Marginal Citations

M10 1959 c. 51.

27 Short title, extent and commencement.

(1) This Act may be cited as the District Courts (Scotland) Act 1975, and, except section 24(1) and subsection (2) below and the entries in Schedule 1 to this Act relating . . . ^{F42}to section 18(1) of the ^{M11}Police (Scotland) Act 1967, extends to Scotland only.

(2) This Act, except sections 8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 20, 23, 26 and this section, shall come into force on 16th May 1975.

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Textual Amendments

F42 Words repealed by [Criminal Law Act 1977 \(c. 45\)](#), s. 65(5)(7), **Sch. 13**

Marginal Citations

M11 [1967 c. 77](#).

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SCHEDULE 1

MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT OF ENACTMENTS

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- C5** The text of Sch. 1 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and, except as specified, does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991

M12 The Savings Bank (Scotland) Act 1819

Marginal Citations

M12 1819 c. 62.

- 1 In section 2 (rules, etc., of Savings Banks including the confirmation of rules by justices), there shall be substituted—
- (a) for the words “Justices of the Peace assembled at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace” the words “sheriff” ;
 - (b) for the word “Justices” the word “sheriff” ;
 - (c) for the words “Clerk of the said Justices” (wherever occurring) the words “sheriff clerk”.
- 2 In section 4 (further provision in relation to the rules, etc., of Savings Banks), there shall be substituted—
- (a) for the words “the Clerk of the said Justices” the words “the sheriff clerk” ;
 - (b) for the word “Sixpence” the words “20 pence”.

M13 The Game Act 1831

Marginal Citations

M13 1831 c. 32.

- 3 In section 18 (licences to deal in game), for the words from the beginning to “less than two” there shall be substituted the words “Each islands and district council”, and for the words “such division or district” there shall be substituted the words “their area”.
- 4 In Schedule (A) (form of licence), for the words from the beginning to “said special session” there shall be substituted the words “The islands council of (or, as the case may be) the district council”, and the words after “(Signed)” shall cease to have effect.

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M14 *The Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885*

Marginal Citations

M14 1885 c. 69.

5 In section 13 (summary proceedings against brothel keeper), for the words “summary conviction” there shall be substituted the words “conviction in the sheriff court or the district court”, and the words from “Any person” to “such conviction” shall cease to have effect.

The Coal Mines Regulation Act 1887

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Textual Amendments

F43 Sch. 1 para. 6 repealed by Wages Act 1986 (c. 48, SIF 43:2), s. 32(2), **Sch. 5 Pt. III**

M15 *The Burgh Police (Scotland) Act 1892*

Marginal Citations

M15 1892 c. 55.

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Textual Amendments

F44 Sch. 1 paras. 7-24 repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. X** Group2.

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Textual Amendments

F45 Sch. 1 paras. 7-24 repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. X** Group2.

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Textual Amendments

F46 Sch. 1 paras. 7-24 repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2.

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Textual Amendments

F47 Sch. 1 paras. 7-24 repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2.

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Textual Amendments

F48 Sch. 1 paras. 7-24 repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2.

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Textual Amendments

F49 Sch. 1 paras. 7-24 repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2.

F50₁₃

Textual Amendments

F50 Sch. 1 paras. 7-24 repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt. X Group 2.

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Textual Amendments

F51 Sch. 1 paras. 7-24 repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2

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Textual Amendments

F52 [Sch. 1 paras. 7-24](#) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2](#)

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Textual Amendments

F53 [Sch. 1 paras. 7-24](#) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2](#)

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Textual Amendments

F54 [Sch. 1 paras. 7-24](#) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2](#)

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Textual Amendments

F55 [Sch. 1 paras. 7-24](#) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2](#)

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Textual Amendments

F56 [Sch. 1 paras. 7-24](#) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2](#)

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Textual Amendments

F57 [Sch. 1 paras. 7-24](#) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2](#)

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Textual Amendments

F58 [Sch. 1 paras. 7-24](#) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2](#)

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Textual Amendments

F59 [Sch. 1 paras. 7-24](#) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2](#)

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 F60 23

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Textual Amendments

F60 [Sch. 1 paras. 7-24](#) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2](#)

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 F61 24

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Textual Amendments

F61 [Sch. 1 paras. 7-24](#) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. X Group2](#)

M16 The Public Order Act 1936

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Marginal Citations

M16 [1936 c. 6.](#)

25 In section 8(6) (application to Scotland), for the words from “and to the council” onwards there shall be substituted the words “there shall be substituted references to a region”.

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M17 *The Magistrates' Courts Act 1952*

Marginal Citations

M17 1952 c. 55.

26 In section 72A(2) (transfer of fine orders, Scotland), for the words “fifty pounds” there shall be substituted the words “one hundred pounds”.

M18 *The Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland) Act 1954*

Marginal Citations

M18 1954 c. 48.

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Textual Amendments

F62 Sch. 1 para. 27 repealed (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 40, ss. 6, 7(2), Sch. 5 (with Sch. 3 paras. 1, 3, 6, 16)

M19 *The Licensing (Scotland) Act 1959*

Marginal Citations

M19 1959 c. 51.

28 In section 6 (casual vacancies in licensing courts and court of appeal), for the words “the first meeting of a quarter sessions, statutory or adjourned,” there shall be substituted the words “a special meeting of the justices convened by the clerk of the peace for that purpose,”.

M20 *The Police (Scotland) Act 1967*

Marginal Citations

M20 1967 c. 77.

29 In section 16 (declarations by constables), for the words from “justice” to “burgh” there shall be substituted the words “or justice of the peace”.

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- 30 In section 17(1)(c) (functions of constables), for the words from “justice” to “burgh” there shall be substituted the words “or justice of the peace”.
- 31 In section 18(1) (jurisdiction of constables in border counties), for the words from “justice” to “magistrate” there shall be substituted the words “or justice of the peace”.
- 32 In section 45 (search warrants for police clothing etc.), for the words from “justice” to “burgh” there shall be substituted the words “or justice of the peace”.

SCHEDULE 2

REPEALS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** The text of s. 24(1)(2), Sch. 2 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991

Chapter	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
1661 c. 38.	The Justices of the Peace Act 1661.	The whole Act.
59 Geo. 3. c. 62.	The Savings Bank (Scotland) Act 1819.	In section 2, the words “for which Attestation” to “no more”.
6 Geo. 4. c. 48.	The Justices of the Peace Small Debt (Scotland) Act 1825.	The whole Act.
1 & 2 Will. 4. c. 32.	The Game Act 1831.	In Schedule (A), the words “(Signed)”.
2 & 3 Will. 4. c. 75.	The Anatomy Act 1832.	In section 1, from the word “countersigned” onwards.
12 & 13 Vict. c. 34.	The Justices of the Peace Small Debt (Scotland) Act 1849.	The whole Act.
19 & 20 Vict. c. 48.	The Justices (Scotland) Act 1856.	The whole Act.
28 & 29 Vict. c. 124.	The Admiralty Powers etc. Act 1865.	Section 5.
31 & 32 Vict. c. 72.	The Promissory Oaths Act 1868.	In the Schedule, Second Part, under the heading

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		“Scotland”, the words “counties and burghs”.
34 & 35 Vict. c. 48.	The Promissory Oaths Act 1871.	In section 2, in the third paragraph, the words “or in open court at quarter sessions of the peace for the county borough, or place in which the person taking the oaths acts as justice”.
40 & 41 Vict. c. 41.	The Crown Office Act 1877.	In section 3, proviso (2), from the words “in particular” onwards. In section 5, paragraph (1).
48 & 49 Vict. c. 69.	The Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885.	In section 13, the words from “Any person” to “such conviction”.
55 & 56 Vict. c. 55.	The Burgh Police (Scotland) Act 1892.	Section 4(7), (19(and (20). Section 287. In section 290, the words from “and such person” onwards. Section 431. In section 448, the words “in the absence of the magistrate or burgh prosecutor”. In section 451, the words “magistrate or”, in both places where they occur. In section 453, the words from “at the instance” onwards. Sections 455, 456, 497, 498 and 507 to 509.
60 & 61 Vict. c. 48.	The Stipendiary Magistrates Jurisdiction (Scotland) Act 1897.	The whole Act.
61 & 62 Vict. c. 20.	The Ex-officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Act 1898.	The whole Act.
3 Edw. 7. c. 25.	The Licensing (Scotland) Act 1903.	In section 70(4), the first paragraph. Sections 91 and 101. In section 107, the definition of “magistrate”.

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6 Edw. 7. c. 16.	The Justices of the Peace Act 1906.	The whole Act.
2 & 3 Geo. 5. c. 14.	The Protection of Animals (Scotland) Act 1912.	In section 13(f), the words “and any justice of the peace constable”.
18 & 19 Geo. 5. c. 29.	The Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Act 1928.	In section 7(d), the words “and any justice of the peace constable”.
1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6. c. 6.	The Public Order Act 1936.	Section 8(5).
1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6. c. 43.	The Public Records (Scotland) Act 1937.	Section 3. In section 14(1), the definition of “justice of the peace records” and, in the definition of “court records”, the words “and justice of the peace records”. In section 14(2), the words “or is or is not a justice of the peace record”.
10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 43.	The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947.	Section 187.
12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 101.	The Justices of the Peace Act 1949.	The whole Act.
7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 51.	The Licensing (Scotland) Act 1959.	Sections 155, 189(e), 190, 191 and 194. In section 199, the definitions of “burgh court” and “magistrate”.
1963 c. 2.	The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963.	In Schedule 1, in paragraph 20(2), the words from “and that local authority” onwards.
1964 c. 42.	The Administration of Justice Act 1964.	Section 31.
1968 c. 65.	The Gaming Act 1968.	In Schedule 2, in paragraph 63(2), the words from “and that local authority” onwards.
1968 c. 69.	The Justices of the Peace Act 1968.	The whole Act.

Status:

Point in time view as at 09/08/2000.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the District Courts (Scotland) Act 1975 (repealed).