



# Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

## 2016 asp 1

### PART 3

#### SOLEMN PROCEDURE

#### 79 Pre-trial time limits

- (1) The 1995 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 65 (prevention of delay in trials)—
  - (a) in subsection (1), after paragraph (a) there is inserted—
    - “(aa) where an indictment has been served on the accused in respect of the sheriff court, a first diet is commenced within the period of 11 months;”
  - (b) in subsection (1A), after the word “applies” there is inserted “, the first diet (where subsection (1)(aa) above applies) ”
  - (c) in subsection (4)(b), for the words “110 days” there is substituted—
    - “(i) 110 days, unless a first diet in respect of the case is commenced within that period, which failing he shall be entitled to be admitted to bail; or
    - (ii) 140 days”
  - (d) in subsection (9)—
    - (i) the word “and” immediately following paragraph (b) is repealed,
    - (ii) after paragraph (b) there is inserted—
      - “(ba) a first diet shall be taken to commence when it is called;”
- (3) In section 66 (service and lodging of indictment, etc.), for sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (a) of subsection (6) there is substituted “ at a first diet not less than 29 clear days after the service of the indictment, ”.
- (4) In section 72C (procedure where preliminary hearing does not proceed), for paragraph (b) of subsection (4) there is substituted—
  - “(b) where the charge is one that can lawfully be tried in the sheriff court, at a first diet in that court not less than 29 clear days after the service of the notice.”

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#### **Commencement Information**

**II** S. 79 in force at 29.5.2017 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2017/99](#), [art. 3\(1\)\(2\)](#) (with [arts. 3\(3\)\(4\), 6](#))

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act expiry of affecting provision 2022 asp 8, sch. para. 15 by [S.S.I. 2023/360 reg. 2\(a\)](#)