



# Constitutional Reform Act 2005

## 2005 CHAPTER 4

### PART 3

#### THE SUPREME COURT

##### *Fees*

## 52 Fees

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may, with the agreement of the Treasury, by order prescribe fees payable in respect of anything dealt with by the Supreme Court.
- (2) An order under this section may, in particular, contain provision about—
  - (a) scales or rates of fees;
  - (b) exemptions from fees;
  - (c) reductions in fees;
  - (d) whole or partial remission of fees.
- (3) When including any provision in an order under this section, the Lord Chancellor must have regard to the principle that access to the courts must not be denied.
- (4) Before making an order under this section, the Lord Chancellor must consult all of the following—
  - (a) the persons listed in subsection (5);
  - (b) the bodies listed in subsection (6).
- (5) The persons referred to in subsection (4)(a) are—
  - (a) the President of the Supreme Court;
  - (b) the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales;
  - (c) the Master of the Rolls;
  - (d) the Lord President of the Court of Session;
  - (e) the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland;
  - (f) the Lord Justice Clerk;

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- (g) the President of the Queen's Bench Division;
  - (h) the President of the Family Division;
  - (i) the Chancellor of the High Court.
- (6) The bodies referred to in subsection (4)(b) are—
- (a) the General Council of the Bar of England and Wales;
  - (b) the Law Society of England and Wales;
  - (c) the Faculty of Advocates of Scotland;
  - (d) the Law Society of Scotland;
  - (e) the General Council of the Bar of Northern Ireland;
  - (f) the Law Society of Northern Ireland.

### **53 Fees: supplementary**

- (1) Supreme Court fees are recoverable summarily as a civil debt.
- (2) The Lord Chancellor must take such steps as are reasonably practicable to bring information about Supreme Court fees to the attention of persons likely to have to pay them.
- (3) In this section “Supreme Court fees” means fees prescribed in an order under section 52.

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 132(4A) words substituted by [2015 c. 2 s. 83\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(8\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(9\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(10\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words substituted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(10\)\(b\)](#)