



Administration of Justice Act 1970

1970 CHAPTER 31

PART I

COURTS AND JUDGES

High Court

2 Admiralty Court

- (1) There shall be constituted, as part of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court, an Admiralty Court to take Admiralty business, that is to say causes and matters assigned to that division and involving the exercise of the High Court's Admiralty jurisdiction, or its jurisdiction as a prize court.
- (2) The judges of the Admiralty Court shall be such of the puisne judges of the High Court as the Lord Chancellor may from time to time nominate to be Admiralty Judges.
- (3) Nothing in this section is to be taken as prejudicing provisions of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925 which enable the whole jurisdiction of the High Court to be exercised by any judge of that court.
- (4) In section 1(1) of the Administration of Justice Act 1956 (which defines the Admiralty jurisdiction of the High Court) for the words " which is for the time being assigned by rules of court to the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division " there shall be substituted the words " which is for the time being assigned by rules of court to the Queen's Bench Division and directed by the rules to be exercised by the Admiralty Court ".
- (5) In the Prize Act 1948—
 - (a) in section 7(2) (determination of form and manner of advertising for claims in relation to the Supreme Court Prize Deposit Account), for the words " the President of the Probate Division of the High Court " there shall be substituted the words " such one of the Admiralty Judges of the High Court as the Lord Chancellor may nominate for the purposes of this section " and for the words

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" the said President" there shall be substituted the words " the said Admiralty Judge "; and

- (b) in section 8 (regulation of payments into and out of the said Account) for the words from " the President" onwards there shall be substituted the words " such one of the Admiralty Judges of the High Court as the Lord Chancellor may nominate for the purposes of this section ".