



Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 58

PART I

CONSTITUTION, ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

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- (1) Subject to any alterations made by an order under section 2(1) of this Act or under subsection (2) below—
 - (a) the sheriff court districts existing immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to exist after such commencement, and
 - (b) sheriff courts shall, after such commencement, continue to be held at the places at which they were in use to be held immediately before such commencement.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by order—
 - (a) alter the boundaries of sheriff court districts, form new districts, or provide for the abolition of districts existing at the time of the making of the order;
 - (b) provide that sheriff courts shall be held, or shall cease to be held, at any place.
- (3) An order under subsection (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 Act, and including any enactment contained in or made under this Act).
- (4) The Secretary of State may, with the concurrence of the Minister for the Civil Service, pay to or in respect of any person who suffers loss of employment, or loss or diminution of emoluments, which is attributable to an order under subsection (2) above such

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amount by way of compensation as may appear to the Secretary of State to be reasonable in all the circumstances.

- (5) The power to make orders under subsection (2) above shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (6) Without prejudice to subsection (1) above, any enactment or other instrument in force immediately before the commencement of this Act shall, to the extent that it fixes sheriff court districts or the places at which sheriff courts are to be held, cease to have effect.

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