

# Justices of the Peace Act 1979

## CHAPTER 55

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### SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Transitional Provisions and Savings

## Interpretation

1 In this Schedule— "the Act of 1949" means the Justices...

#### General transitional provisions

2 (1) In so far as anything done, or having effect...

## *Commissions of the peace*

3 (1) Where a commission of the peace is in force...

## *Justices of the peace in office*

- 4 (1) Any person who immediately before the commencement of this...
- 5 (1) The supplemental list for England and Wales kept under...
- 6 The repeal by this Act of paragraph 9(1) of Schedule...

*Stipendiary magistrates (other than metropolitan stipendiary magistrates)* 

- 7 Any person who immediately before the commencement of this Act...
- 8 The following provisions of this paragraph shall have effect in...

#### Petty sessional divisions

9 Without prejudice to any power exercisable by virtue of this...

#### Justices' clerks and their staffs

- 10 (1) This paragraph applies to any person who immediately before...
- 11 (1) This paragraph applies to any person who on the...
- 12 (1) In this paragraph "transferred officer or employee to whom...
- 13 (1) Any regulations made by the Secretary of State under...
- 14 (1) This paragraph applies to any order made before the...

### Justices of the Peace Act 1949, Schedule 2

15 Where in the preceding paragraphs of this Schedule reference is...

## Provisions relating to Part V of Act

16 The provisions of Part V of this Act shall have...

## Saving for superannuation provisions

17 Except as provided by sections 55 to 58 of this...

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10	Savings for Local Government Act 1972, ss. 67, 252, 254
18	The provisions of this Act shall have effect without prejudice
SCHEDULE 2 — Consequential Amendments	
	Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1920 (c. 33)
1	In section 3(4), in relation to any time after the
	Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)
2	In section 107(1), in relation to any time after the
	National Assistance Act 1948 (c. 29)
3	In section $43(4)$ , in relation to any time after the
	Children Act 1948 (c. 43)
4	In section 26, in subsections (1) and (4), in relation
	Marriage Act 1949 (c. 76)
5	In section $3(5)$ , in relation to any time after the
	Maintenance Orders Act 1950 (c. 37)
6	In section 3(2), in relation to any time after the
	Magistrates' Courts Act 1952 (c. 55)
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	Affiliation Proceedings Act 1957 (c. 55)
10	In section $3(1)$ , in relation to any time after the
	Licensing Act 1964 (c. 26)
11	In section 201(1), in the definition of "the metropolis" (as
	Administration of Justice Act 1964 (c. 42)
12	In section 38(1), in the definition of "London commission areas",
	Backing of Warrants (Republic of Ireland) Act 1965 (c. 45)
13	In the Schedule, in the proviso to paragraph 2, for
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	Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 (c. 3)
16	In section 15, in subsections (1) and (4), in relation

Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77)

17 In Schedule 2, in paragraphs 23(3) and 31(4), for "Justices...

Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972 (c. 18)

18 In section 27(2), in relation to any time after the...

Criminal Justice Act 1972 (c. 71)

20 In section 51, in subsection (4), for "section 5(1) of...

Administration of Jusice Act 1973 (c. 15)

- 21 In section 2(4), after "section" insert " or under section...
- 22 For section 5 substitute the following:—
- 23 In section 9(1)(f), for "this Act" substitute " section 13...
- 24 In Schedule 1— (a) in paragraph 2(1), for "paragraph 1...

Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 (c. 62)

- 25 In section 32(6), for the words from "Justics of the...
- 26 .....

Local Government Act 1974 (c. 7)

28 In section 1(6)(a), for "section 27 of the Justices of...

Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47)

29 In section 38— (a) in subsection (3), for "section 1...

Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 (c. 71)

30 In section 19(2), in relation to any time after the...

Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978 (c. 22)

31 In section 88(1), in the definition of "commission area", for...

SCHEDULE 3 — Repeals

## Status:

Point in time view as at 04/07/1996.

## Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Justices of the Peace Act 1979 (repealed 19.6.1997).