



# Magistrates' Courts Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 43

### PART VII U.K.

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

##### *Process*

#### 125 Warrants. **E+W**

- (1) A warrant of arrest issued by a justice of the peace shall remain in force until it is executed or withdrawn [<sup>F1</sup>or it ceases to have effect in accordance with [<sup>F2</sup>rules of court]].
- (2) A warrant of arrest, warrant of commitment, [<sup>F3</sup>warrant of detention,]<sup>F4</sup>[warrant of control] or search warrant issued by a justice of the peace may be executed anywhere in England and Wales by any person to whom it is directed or by any constable acting within his police area.

<sup>F5</sup> .....

<sup>F6</sup> ...

<sup>F7</sup>(3) .....

<sup>F8</sup>(4) .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 125(1) inserted (19.2.2001) by 1999 c. 22, s. 97(4) (with s. 107, Sch. 14 para. 7(2)); S.I. 2001/168, arts. 1, 2(a) (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3 of that S.I.)
- F2** Words in s. 125(1) substituted (1.9.2004) by Courts Act 2003 (c. 39), ss. 109(1), 110, Sch. 8 para. 238; S.I. 2004/2066, art. 2(c)(xi) (subject to art. 3)
- F3** Words in s. 125(2) inserted (8.1.2001) by 1999 c. 22, s. 95(1) (with s. 107, Sch. 14 para. 7(2)); S.I. 2000/3280, art. 2(b) (with transitional provisions in art. 3)
- F4** Words in s. 125(2) substituted (6.4.2014) by Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15), s. 148, Sch. 13 para. 57(2) (with s. 89); S.I. 2014/768, art. 2(1)(b)

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- F5** S. 125(2): the second paragraph (which was inserted by Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33), ss. 65(1), 123(6), **Sch. 8 para. 16**) repealed (8.1.2001) by 1999 c. 22, s. 108(1), **Sch. 15 Pt. V(8)** (with s. 107, Sch. 14 paras. 7(2), 36(9)); S.I. 2000/3280, **art.2(c)(i)**
- F6** Words in s. 125(2) repealed (6.4.2014) by Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15), s. 148, Sch. 13 para. 57(3), **Sch. 23 Pt. 3** (with s. 89); S.I. 2014/768, art. 2(1)(b)
- F7** S. 125(3) repealed (19.2.2001) by 1999 c. 22, s. 106, **Sch. 15 Pt. V(8)** (with s. 107, Sch. 14 paras. 7(2), 36(9)); S.I. 2001/168, **arts. 1, 2(b)**
- F8** S. 125(4) repealed (19.2.2001) by 1999 c. 22, s. 106, **Sch. 15 Pt. V(8)** (with s. 107, Sch. 14 paras. 7(2), 36(9)); S.I. 2001/168, **arts. 1, 2(b)**

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 125-126 applied (temp.) (23.2.2004 and 29.3.2004 for certain purposes, otherwise 5.4.2004 until 31.3.2006) by **The Fines Collection Regulations 2004** (S.I. 2004/176), **regs. 1(3), 10** (with **reg. 3**) (as amended (30.3.2005) by S.I. 2005/484, **regs. 1(1)(a)(2), 2, 4**)

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

- Act applied by [2017 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 18\(5\)](#)

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

- s. 1(6A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 36 para. 8\(5\)](#)
- s. 1(6A) words substituted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 11 para. 3\(4\)](#) (Effect not applied as (6A) was only inserted prospectively.)
- s. 1(7A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 36 para. 8\(6\)](#)
- s. 12(2A) inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 12(5A)-(5F) inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 4\(6\)](#)
- s. 17A(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 17B(1A)-(1F) substituted for s. 17B(1) by [2022 c. 35 s. 9\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 17B(5) inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 9\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 17BA inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 7](#)
- s. 17ZA-17ZC inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 6\(2\)](#)
- s. 18(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 18(1) by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 18(4A)(4B) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 18(6) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(7\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 20(7A)(7B) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(8\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 22(2A)-(2E) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(9\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 22A(1A)-(1E) inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 6\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 23(1A)-(1G) substituted for s. 23(1) by [2022 c. 35 s. 9\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 23(4A)(4B) inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 9\(4\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 24A(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(11\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 24BA inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 9\(5\)](#)
- s. 24ZA24ZB inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 8](#)
- s. 75A inserted by [2013 c. 22 s. 26\(1\)](#)
- s. 85(5) inserted by [2013 c. 22 s. 26\(4\)](#)
- s. 139A inserted by [2013 c. 22 s. 26\(6\)](#)
- s. 145(1A) inserted by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 8\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22](#), s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))
- s. 145(1A) repealed by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 4 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 4 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22](#), s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))
- Sch. 6A (entry) by [2000 c. 43 Sch. 7 para. 69](#)