



# Magistrates' Courts Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 43

### PART II

#### CIVIL JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE

##### *Jurisdiction to issue summons and deal with complaints*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>51 Issue of summons on complaint

Where a complaint relating to a person is made to a justice of the peace, the justice of the peace may issue a summons to the person requiring him to appear before a magistrates' court to answer to the complaint.]

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#### Textual Amendments

F1 S. 51 substituted (1.4.2005) by Courts Act 2003 (c. 39), ss. 47(1), 110; S.I. 2005/910, art. 3(q)

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

C1 S. 51 applied (with modifications) (1.4.1997) by S.I. 1997/704, rule 5(2)(3)(4)(a)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 27/03/2007. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, Section 51 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 05 August 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.