



Broadcasting Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 68

PART III

THE BROADCASTING COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

53 The Broadcasting Complaints Commission.

- (1) The commission named the Broadcasting Complaints Commission shall continue in existence as a body corporate.
- (2) The Commission shall consist of not less than three members appointed by the Secretary of State.
- (3) A person shall be disqualified for being appointed, or being, a member of the Commission so long as he is—
 - (a) a governor, officer or employee of the BBC or a member, officer or employee of the IBA^[F1] or the Cable Authority]; or
 - (b) a person not within paragraph (a) who appears to the Secretary of State to be concerned with, or to have an interest in,
 - ^[F2](i) the preparation or provision of programmes for broadcasting by the BBC or the IBA (including, in the case of the IBA, programmes consisting of advertisements); and
 - (ii) the provision of a licensed cable programme service or the preparation or provision of programmes for inclusion in such a service.]
- (4) The Secretary of State shall appoint one member of the Commission to be chairman, and may appoint another to be deputy chairman.
- (5) Schedule 7 shall have effect with respect to the Commission.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words inserted by [Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984 \(c. 46, SIF 96\)](#), s. 29, [Sch. 2 para. 1](#)

F2 Words substituted by [Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984 \(c. 46, SIF 96\)](#), s. 29, [Sch. 2 para. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Broadcasting Act 1981, Section 53.