



# Coroners Act 1988

## CHAPTER 13

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — SALARIES AND PENSIONS

*Coroners' salaries*

- 1 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a coroner...

*Coroners' pensions*

- 2 (1) On the retirement, after not less than five years'...

*Scale of pensions*

- 3 (1) An annual pension not exceeding ten sixtieths of the...

*Payment of salaries and pensions*

- 4 The salary of a coroner and any pension payable to...

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## SCHEDULE 2 — CORONER OF THE QUEEN'S HOUSEHOLD

- 1 Sections 1 to 5 of this Act (except subsections (4)...
- 2 Sections 6 and 7 of this Act, so far as...
- 3 Sections 9 and 32(2) of this Act shall not apply...
- 4 Section 25 of this Act shall not apply in relation...
- 5 Subject to the provisions of this Schedule and section 29...

## SCHEDULE 3 — CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

### *The City of London Municipal Elections Act 1849 (c.xciv)*

- 1 Immediately before section 9 of the City of London Municipal...

### *The Cremation Act 1902 (c.8)*

- 2 In section 10 of the Cremation Act 1902, for the...

### *The Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 (c.20)*

- 3 In section 22(3) of the 1953 Act, for the words...
- 4 (1) Subsection (1) of section 23 of the 1953 Act...
- 5 In section 29(4)(b) of that Act, for the words “section...

### *The Army Act 1955 (c.18)*

- 6 In section 128(2) of the Army Act 1955, for the...
- 7 In section 214(4) of that Act, for the words “the...
- 8 In section 215(5) of that Act, for the words “the...

### *The Air Force Act 1955 (c.19)*

- 9 In section 128(2) of the Air Force Act 1955, for...
- 10 In section 212(5) of that Act, for the words “the...
- 11 In section 213(5) of that Act, for the words “the...

### *The Naval Discipline Act 1957 (c.53)*

- 12 In section 82(1) of the Naval Discipline Act 1957, for...
- 13 In section 123(5) of that Act, for the words “the...
- 14 .....

### *The Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 (c.56)*

- 15 In paragraph 61 of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Increase)...

### *The Juries Act 1974 (c.23)*

- 16 (1) In subsection (2) of section 19 of the Juries...

### *The Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c.43)*

- 17 At the end of Schedule 6A to the Magistrates' Courts...

### *The Local Government Act 1985 (c.51)*

- 18 In section 60(4) of the Local Government Act 1985, for...

## SCHEDULE 4 — REPEALS

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