



Coroners Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 13

Coroners

1 Appointment of coroners.

[^{F1}(1) Coroners shall be appointed—

- (a) for each coroner's district in a metropolitan county, [^{F2}in a special non-metropolitan county or in]] Greater London or Wales;
- (b) for each coroner's district constituted by an order under section 17 of the Local Government Act 1992 which lies partly in each of two or more non-metropolitan counties;
- (c) for each non-metropolitan county in England [^{F3}, other than a special non-metropolitan county,] none of which is included in such a coroner's district as is mentioned in paragraph (b) above;
- (d) in the case of a non-metropolitan county in England part of which is included in such a coroner's district as is mentioned in paragraph (b) above, for so much of that county as is not so included; and
- (e) for the City.

(1A) Coroners shall be appointed by the relevant council, that is to say—

- (a) in the case of a coroner's district consisting of or included in a metropolitan district [^{F4}, special non-metropolitan district] or London borough, the council of that district or borough;
- (b) in the case of a coroner's district consisting of two or more metropolitan districts [^{F5}, special non-metropolitan districts] or London boroughs, such one of the councils of those districts or boroughs as may be designated by an order made by the Secretary of State by statutory instrument;
- (c) in the case of a coroner's district consisting of or included in a Welsh principal area, the council of that area;
- (d) in the case of a coroner's district lying partly in each of two or more Welsh principal areas, such one of the councils of those areas as may be designated by an order made by the Secretary of State by statutory instrument;

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- (e) in a case falling within subsection (1)(b) above, such one of the councils of the non-metropolitan counties in question as may be designated by an order under section 17 of the Local Government Act 1992^{F6} or section 17 of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Act 2003];
 - (f) in a case falling within subsection (1)(c) or (d) above, the council of the non-metropolitan county in question; and
 - (g) in the case of the City, the Common Council.
- (2) A relevant council falling within paragraph (a) or (b) of ^{F7}subsection (1A)] above shall not appoint a coroner except with the approval of the Secretary of State; and a relevant council falling within paragraph (b) ^{F8}(d) or (e)] of that subsection shall not appoint a coroner except after consultation with the other council or councils in question.
- (3) Subject to subsection (2) above, where a vacancy occurs in the office of coroner, the relevant council shall—
- (a) immediately give notice of the vacancy to the Secretary of State;
 - (b) within three months of the vacancy occurring or within such further period as the Secretary of State may allow, appoint a person to that office; and
 - (c) immediately after making the appointment, give notice of the appointment to the Secretary of State.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S.1(1)(1A) substituted (1.4.1996) for s. 1(1) by S.I. 1996/655, **reg. 2(2)**
- F2** Words in s. 1(1)(a) inserted (1.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/465, **reg. 2(2)**
- F3** Words in s. 1(1)(c) inserted (1.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/465, **reg. 2(3)**
- F4** Words in s. 1(1A)(a) inserted (1.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/465, **reg. 2(4)**
- F5** Words in s. 1(1A)(b) inserted (1.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/465, **reg. 2(5)**
- F6** Words in s. 1(1A)(e) added (8.5.2003) by Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Act 2003 (c. 10), ss. 17, 27, **Sch. para. 2**
- F7** Words in s. 1(2) substituted (1.4.1996) by S.I. 1996/655, **reg. 2(3)**
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