



# Coroners Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 13

### *Coroners*

#### **1 Appointment of coroners**

- (1) Coroners shall be appointed for each coroner's district in a metropolitan county or Greater London, for each non-metropolitan county and for the City and shall be so 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 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 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 non-metropolitan county, the council of that county; and
  - (d) in the case of the City, the Common Council.
- (2) A relevant council falling within paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1) above shall not appoint a coroner except with the approval of the Secretary of State; and a relevant council falling within paragraph (b) 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.