



# Police Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 16

### PART I

#### ORGANISATION OF POLICE FORCES

*[<sup>F1</sup>The metropolitan police and forces outside London]*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>12A Power of deputy to exercise functions of chief constable**

- (1) A deputy chief constable of a police force may exercise or perform any or all of the powers or duties of the chief constable of that force—
  - (a) during any absence, incapacity or suspension from duty of the chief constable,
  - (b) during any vacancy in the office of the chief constable, or
  - (c) at any other time, with the consent of the chief constable.
- (2) A police authority responsible for maintaining a police force may designate a person holding the rank of assistant chief constable in that force to exercise or perform any or all of the powers or duties of the chief constable of that force—
  - (a) during any absence, incapacity or suspension from duty of both the chief constable and the deputy chief constable, or
  - (b) during any vacancy in the offices of both the chief constable and the deputy chief constable.
- (3) Only one person shall be authorised to act at any one time by virtue of a designation under subsection (2).
- (4) The power to act by virtue of subsection (1)(a) or (b) or subsection (2) shall not be exercisable for a continuous period exceeding three months except with the consent of the Secretary of State.
- (5) The provisions of subsections (1) and (2) shall be without prejudice to any other enactment that makes provision for the exercise by any other person of powers conferred on a chief constable.]

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#### **Textual Amendments**

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