



Courts Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 39

PART 1

MAINTAINING THE COURT SYSTEM

Courts boards

4 Establishment of courts boards

- (1) England and Wales is to be divided into areas for each of which there is to be a courts board.
 - (2) The areas are to be those specified by an order made by the Lord Chancellor.
 - (3) Each area established by an order under subsection (2) is to be known by such name as is specified in the order (but subject to subsection (4)).
 - (4) The Lord Chancellor may make orders altering the areas.
 - (5) “Altering”, in relation to an area, includes (as well as changing its boundaries)—
 - (a) combining it with one or more other areas,
 - (b) dividing it between two or more other areas, and
 - (c) changing its name.
- [^{F1}(5A) Before making any order under subsection (2) or (4), the Lord Chancellor must consult the Lord Chief Justice.]
- (6) Before making an order under subsection (4), the Lord Chancellor must consult any courts board affected by the proposed order.
 - (7) When making an order under subsection (2) the Lord Chancellor must have regard to the desirability of specifying areas which are the same as—
 - (a) the police areas listed in Schedule 1 to the Police Act 1996 (c. 16) (division of England and Wales, except London, into police areas), and

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- (b) the area consisting of the Metropolitan Police District and the City of London police area.

[^{F2}(7A) The Lord Chief Justice may nominate a judicial office holder (as defined in section 109(4) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005) to exercise his functions under this section.]

- (8) Schedule 1 contains provisions about the constitution and procedure of courts boards.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 4(5A) inserted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), s. 15, **Sch. 4 para. 310(2)**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(y)
- F2** S. 4(7A) inserted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), s. 15, **Sch. 4 para. 310(3)**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(y)

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