



# Sheriffs Act 1887

## CHAPTER 55

### SHERIFFS ACT 1887

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- 2 Extent of Act.

#### *Appointment and Qualification*

- 3 Annual appointment of sheriff and duration of office.
- 4 Qualification of sheriffs.
- 5 Same person not to be chosen twice in three years.
- 6 Nomination and appointment of sheriffs.
- 7 Declaration of office.

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- 8 Powers of sheriff for posse comitatus.
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- 10 Duties as to execution of writs.
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- 13 .....
- 14 Duties on arrest of civil debtors.
- 15 Liability for wrongful imprisonment.
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- 21 Transmission of accounts of sheriff.
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- 25 Execution of office by under-sheriff on death or suspension of sheriff.
- 26 Declaration by bailiffs, &c.
- 27 Sale of offices prohibited.

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- 28 Outgoing sheriff to turn over prisoners and process to incoming sheriff.

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- 40 Savings for courts leet, &c.

## SCHEDULES

THE FIRST — Form of Warrant appointing Sheriff

SCHEDULE

At the Court at the day of present the Queen's...  
 To A.B., of  
 Whereas Her Majesty was this day pleased, by and with...  
 These are therefore to require you to take the custody...  
 Dated this day of  
 By Her Majesty's command.

THE SECOND —  
SCHEDULE

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*DECLARATION OF SHERIFF AND UNDER SHERIFF*

I, A.B., of , in the county of do solemnly declare...

\*The words within square brackets to be added in case...

*FORM OF DECLARATION FOR BAILIFF, DEPUTY, OR OFFICER OF SHERIFF*

Section 26

I, A.B., do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that I will...

SCHEDULE 2A — MEANING OF “COUNTY”

For the purposes of this Act, the counties or parts...

THIRD SCHEDULE —

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