
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 674

**The Local Government Changes for England
(Magistrates' Courts) Regulations 1996**

3.—(1) Every person who immediately before 1st April 1996 holds office as a justice of the peace for an old commission area shall on and after that date hold office as a justice of the peace for the new commission area which includes the petty sessions area for which he acts, and the commissions of the peace for the hold commission areas shall accordingly have effect as commissions of the peace for the new commission areas.

(2) In paragraph (1)—

“old commission area” means an area in England for which there was a commission of the peace immediately before 1st April 1996;

“new commission area” means an area in England for which, in accordance with section 1 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1979(1), there should be a commission of the peace on and after 1st April 1996.

(1) 1979 c. 55, as amended by paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 to the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c. 19) and paragraph 1 of the Schedule to these Regulations.