



Law Commissions Act 1965

1965 CHAPTER 22

1 The Law Commission.

- (1) For the purpose of promoting the reform of the law [^{F1}of England and Wales] there shall be constituted in accordance with this section a body of Commissioners, to be known as the Law Commission, consisting [^{F2}(except during any temporary vacancy)] of a Chairman and four other Commissioners appointed by the Lord Chancellor.
- [^{F3}(1A) The person appointed to be the Chairman shall be a person who holds office as a judge of the High Court or Court of Appeal in England and Wales.]
- (2) The persons appointed to be [^{F4}the other] Commissioners shall be persons appearing to the Lord Chancellor to be suitably qualified by the holding of judicial office or by experience as a [^{F5}person having a general qualification (within the meaning of section 71 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990)] or as a teacher of law in a university.
- (3) A person appointed to be a Commissioner shall be appointed for such term (not exceeding five years) and subject to such conditions as may be determined by the Lord Chancellor at the time of his appointment; but a Commissioner may at any time resign his office and a person who ceases to be a Commissioner shall be eligible for reappointment.
- (4) A person who holds judicial office may be appointed as a Commissioner without relinquishing that office, but shall not (unless otherwise provided by the terms of his appointment) be required to perform his duties as the holder of that office while he remains a member of the Commission.
- [^{F6}(5)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(1) inserted (16.4.2007) by [Justice \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2002 \(c. 26\), s. 87\(1\), Sch. 12 para. 8](#); [S.R. 2007/237, art. 2, Sch. para. 6\(b\)](#)
- F2** Words inserted by [Administration of Justice Act 1982 \(c. 53, SIF 37\), s. 64](#)
- F3** S. 1(1A) inserted (19.9.2007) by [Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(c. 15\), ss. 60\(2\), 148\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Law Commissions Act 1965, Section 1. (See end of Document for details)

- F4** Words in s. 1(2) inserted (19.9.2007) by Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15), **ss. 60(3), 148(1)**
- F5** Words substituted by Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41, SIF 37), s. 71(2), **Sch. 10 para. 25**
- F6** S. 1(5) repealed (16.4.2007) by Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c. 26), s. 87(1), **Sch. 13**; S.R. 2007/237, art. 2, Sch. para. 7(a)

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