



# Administration of Justice Act 1977

## 1977 CHAPTER 38

### PART II

#### ENGLAND AND WALES

##### *Magistrates' courts*

#### **21 Persons to preside at meetings of justices**

- (1) The following subsection shall be substituted for section 13(3) of the Justices of the Peace Act 1949 (under which the chairman or a deputy chairman of the justices for a petty sessions area must preside at any meeting of the justices, if present):—
  - “(3) Subject to the next following subsection, if the chairman or a deputy chairman of the justices for a petty sessions area is present at a meeting of those justices, he shall preside unless he requests another justice to preside in accordance with rules made under this section.”.
- (2) At the end of subsection (5) (power to make rules) of the said section 13 there shall be added the words “and
  - (c) as to the justices whom a chairman or deputy chairman of justices may request to preside at a meeting.”.