



# Senior Courts Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 54

### PART IV

#### OFFICERS AND OFFICES

##### *Central Office and Accountant General*

#### 96 Central Office.

- (1) The Central Office of the [<sup>F1</sup>Senior Courts] shall perform such business as the [<sup>F2</sup>Lord Chief Justice may, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor,] direct.
- (2) Subject to any direction [<sup>F3</sup>under subsection (1)], the Central Office shall perform such business as it performed immediately before the commencement of this Act.
- [<sup>F4</sup>(3) 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.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 96 substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 59, 148, [Sch. 11 para. 26\(1\)](#); S.I. 2009/1604, [art. 2\(d\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 96(1) substituted (3.4.2006) by virtue of [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15, 148, [Sch. 4 para. 141\(2\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(p)
- F3** Words in s. 96(2) substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15, 148, [Sch. 4 para. 141\(3\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(p)
- F4** S. 96(3) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15, 148, [Sch. 4 para. 140\(4\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(p)

**Changes to legislation:**

Senior Courts Act 1981, Section 96 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 13 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 31(3)(a) word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 31(3)(a) word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 31(3)(b) and word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 31(3)(b) and word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 31(3A)(3B) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(2\)](#)
- s. 31(3A)(3B) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(2\)](#)