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Family Law Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 27

[^{F1}PART 4A

FORCED MARRIAGE

VALID FROM 25/11/2008

[^{F1}Jurisdiction and procedure

Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. 4A inserted (25.11.2008 except in regard to the insertion of s. 63N) by [Forced Marriage \(Civil Protection\) Act 2007 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 1, 4\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2008/2779](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (as amended (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), [s. 61\(3\)](#), [Sch. 11 para. 210](#) Table; [S.I. 2014/954](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#) (with [art. 3](#)) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), [arts. 3-11](#)))

63M Jurisdiction of courts: Part 4A

- (1) For the purposes of this Part “the court” means the High Court or a county court.
- (2) Subsection (1) is subject to any provision made by virtue of subsections (3) and (4).
- (3) Section 57(3) to (12) (allocation of proceedings to courts etc.) apply for the purposes of this Part as they apply for the purposes of Part 4 but as if the following modification were made.
- (4) The modification is that section 57(8) is to be read as if there were substituted for it—
 - “(8) For the purposes of subsections (3), (4) and (5), there are two levels of court—
 - (a) the High Court; and
 - (b) any county court.”

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PROSPECTIVE

F2 63N Power to extend jurisdiction to magistrates' courts

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Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 63N repealed (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 11 para. 140](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(e) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)

63O Contempt proceedings: Part 4A

The powers of the court in relation to contempt of court arising out of a person's failure to comply with a forced marriage protection order or otherwise in connection with such an order may be exercised by the relevant judge.

63P Appeals: Part 4A

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may, after consulting the Lord Chief Justice, by order make provision as to the circumstances in which appeals may be made against decisions taken by courts on questions arising in connection with the transfer, or proposed transfer, of proceedings by virtue of an order made under section 57(5) as applied by section 63M(3) and (4).
- (2) Except so far as provided for in any order made under subsection (1), no appeal may be made against any decision of a kind mentioned in that subsection.
- (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 the Lord Chief Justice's functions under this section.]

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