



Lieutenancies Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 23

2 Deputy lieutenants

- (1) The lord-lieutenant of a county or area shall appoint such persons as he thinks fit to be his deputy lieutenants.
- (2) A person may only be appointed as a deputy lieutenant of a county or area if—
 - (a) he is shown to have rendered appropriate service; and
 - (b) he has a place of residence in, or within 7 miles from the boundary of, that county or area.
- (3) In subsection (2) “appropriate service” means either worthy service as a member of, or in a civil capacity in connection with, Her Majesty’s naval, military or air forces or such other service as makes a person suitable for appointment as a deputy lieutenant.
- (4) The lord-lieutenant of a county or area shall notify to Her Majesty the name of any person whom he proposes to appoint as a deputy lieutenant; and a commission as deputy lieutenant shall not be granted to that person until the lord-lieutenant has been informed by the Secretary of State that Her Majesty does not disapprove of the granting of the commission.
- (5) A commission as deputy lieutenant of a county or area is not vacated by reason that the person who granted it dies or otherwise ceases to hold office as lord-lieutenant.
- (6) A commission as deputy lieutenant of a county or area may be revoked by the lord-lieutenant of that county or area; and the lord-lieutenant shall revoke the commission forthwith on being informed of Her Majesty’s pleasure that it be revoked.
- (7) The clerk of the lieutenancy of a county or area shall arrange for the publication in the London Gazette or, as the case may be, the Edinburgh Gazette of the names of the persons appointed deputy lieutenants for that county or area, with the dates of their commissions.