



Justices of the Peace Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 25

PART VIII

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

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- (1) Subject to—
 - (a) subsection (2) below; and
 - (b) paragraphs 7(2)(f) and 8 of Schedule 4 to this Act,this Act shall come into force at the end of the period of three months beginning with the day on which it is passed (and any reference in this Act to the commencement of this Act is a reference to its coming into force at the end of that period).
- (2) If section 82 of and Schedule 7 to the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 have not come into force before the commencement of this Act, then section 50 of and Schedule 3 to this Act shall come into force on the relevant commencement date.
- (3) In subsection (2) above “relevant commencement date” means—
 - (a) if before the commencement of this Act a date on or after the date of that commencement has been appointed by an order under section 94 of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 (commencement and transitional provisions) as the date on which section 82 of and Schedule 7 to that Act are to come into force, the date so appointed; and
 - (b) otherwise, such date as the Lord Chancellor may by order appoint.
- (4) Subsections (4), (5), (7) and (8) of section 94 of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 shall apply to an order under subsection (3)(b) above as they would apply to an order under subsection (2) of that section.