



Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 20

PART 3

BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE

Police Force

25 Special constables

- (1) The Chief Constable may appoint special constables of the Police Force.
- (2) A special constable of the Police Force—
 - (a) shall be under the direction and control of the Chief Constable, and
 - (b) may be dismissed by the Chief Constable.
- (3) Section 29 of the Police Act 1996 (c. 16) (attestation) shall apply to a special constable of the Police Force appointed in England or Wales (with the omission of the words in paragraph (b) “having jurisdiction within the police area”).
- [^{F1}(4) Section 10 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (declaration) shall apply to a special constable of the Police Force appointed in Scotland.]
- (5) Section 88(1) to (5) of the Police Act 1996 (liability for wrongful act of constable) shall have effect in relation to special constables of the Police Force as if—
 - (a) a reference to the chief officer of police for a police area were a reference to the Chief Constable,
 - (b) a reference to a constable were a reference to a special constable,
 - (c) a reference to the police fund were a reference to the British Transport Police Fund,
 - (d) a reference to a [^{F2}local policing body]were a reference to the Authority, and
 - (e) subsection (5) included a reference to a special constable of the Police Force.
- (6) A reference in this Part to a constable of the Police Force includes a reference to a special constable of the Police Force.

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the
Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003, Section 25. (See end of Document for details)*

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 25(4) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/602\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 41(3)**
- F2** Words in s. 25(5)(d) substituted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 323**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 25 in force at 1.7.2004 by S.I. 2004/1572, **art. 3(h)**

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