



Courts Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 39

PART 2

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Supplementary provisions about the bench

20 Rules

- (1) In sections 10, 17, 18 and 19 “rules” means rules made by the [^{F1}Lord Chief Justice] .
- (2) Before making any rules for the purposes of section 10, 17, 18 or 19 the [^{F2}Lord Chief Justice] must consult—
- [^{F3}(za) the Lord Chancellor,]
 - (a) the Criminal Procedure Rule Committee, [^{F4}and]
 - (b) the Family Procedure Rule Committee, ^{F5}...
 - ^{F5}(c)
- [^{F6}(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 of making the rules referred to in this section.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 20(1) substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 15, Sch. 4 para. 321\(2\); S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 11\(y\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 20(2) substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 15, Sch. 4 para. 321\(3\)\(a\); S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 11\(y\)](#)
- F3** S. 20(2)(za) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 15, Sch. 4 para. 321\(3\)\(b\); S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 11\(y\)](#)
- F4** Word in s. 20(2)(a) inserted (18.9.2012) by [The Public Bodies \(Abolition of Crown Court Rule Committee and Magistrates Courts Rule Committee\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2398\), art. 1\(2\), Sch. 2 para. 5\(a\)](#)

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| F5 | S. 20(2)(c) and word repealed (18.9.2012) by The Public Bodies (Abolition of Crown Court Rule Committee and Magistrates Courts Rule Committee) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2398) , art. 1(2), Sch. 2 para. 5(b) |
| F6 | S. 20(3) inserted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4) , s. 15, Sch. 4 para. 321(4) ; S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a) , Sch. 1 para. 11(y) |

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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. 75(6) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 76(2B) inserted by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 14](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by 2013 c. 22, s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))
- s. 81(6) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 85EA(5) words substituted by [2022 c. 32 Sch. 11 para. 29](#)
- Sch. 5 para. 13(1)(ca) inserted by [2013 c. 22 s. 26\(3\)](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Courts Act 2003

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2005/547 art. 2](#) commences ([2003 c. 39](#))