



Courts Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 39

PART 2

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

District Judges (Magistrates' Courts)

23 Senior District Judge (Chief Magistrate)

[^{F1}Her Majesty]

- (a) may designate one of the District Judges (Magistrates' Courts) to be Senior District Judge (Chief Magistrate), and
- (b) if [^{F2}she] does so, may designate another of them to be the deputy of the Senior District Judge (Chief Magistrate).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 23 substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 14, Sch. 3 para. 5\(a\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 9
- F2** Words in s. 23 substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 14, Sch. 3 para. 5\(b\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 9

Changes to legislation:

Courts Act 2003, Section 23 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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 Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by 2013 c. 22, s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))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](#))