



Administration of Justice Act 1956

1956 CHAPTER 46

PART II

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE

Appointment, etc., of official referees and other officers

12 Appointment, etc., of assistant district registrars

- (1) Assistant district registrars of the High Court may be appointed in aid of the district registrars provided for by section eighty-four of the principal Act, and shall be officers of the Supreme Court.
- (2) Any person being a solicitor of not less than seven years' standing shall be qualified for appointment as assistant district registrar of any district.
- (3) The power to make appointments to the office of assistant district registrar shall be vested in the Lord Chancellor.
- (4) An assistant district registrar of any district shall be capable of discharging any of the functions of the district registrar, and in so doing shall have the same powers as if he were the district registrar.
- (5) The district registrar of any district where there is an assistant district registrar may divide the district registrar's duties as he thinks fit between himself and the assistant district registrar.
- (6) Section one hundred and twenty of the principal Act (which prohibits officers of the Supreme Court from practising as a barrister or solicitor in any court), shall not apply to an assistant district registrar, but an assistant district registrar of any district shall not, either by himself or his partner, be directly or indirectly engaged as a solicitor or agent for a party to any proceeding whatsoever in the registry of that district.
- (7) In the following enactments (which relate to the pensions, etc., of county court registrars and assistant registrars and to their right to engage in other employment, and under which any duties and salary as district registrar of the High Court are taken

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into account in the same way as duties and salary as county court registrar or assistant registrar), that is to say.—

- (a) section seventeen of the County Courts Act, 1934, and paragraph 4 of Part II of the First Schedule to that Act; and
- (b) subsection (4) of section two of the Administration of Justice (Pensions) Act, 1950;

any reference to a district registrar of the High Court shall include a reference to an assistant district registrar.