



Administration of Justice Act 1956

1956 CHAPTER 46

PART III

COUNTY COURTS

Appointment, etc., of judges and officers

21 Appointments of county court judges to be made by Her Majesty

- (1) Appointments of persons to be judges of county courts shall be made by Her Majesty.
- (2) Any such appointment shall be of a person recommended to Her Majesty by the Lord Chancellor:

Provided that when the judge of a Duchy of Lancaster district ceases to be the judge thereof, whether by reason of his vacating office or by reason of any alteration in the distribution of the districts among the judges made under subsection (4) of section four of the principal Act, the appointment of his successor shall, unless made under the said subsection (4), be of a person recommended to Her Majesty by the Chancellor of that Duchy and not by the Lord Chancellor.

- (3) Accordingly—
 - (a) in subsection (1) of section four of the principal Act for the words " Lord Chancellor " in the first place where those words occur there shall be substituted the words " Her Majesty ";
 - (b) proviso (a) to that subsection shall cease to have effect; and
 - (c) in section five of the principal Act for the words " Before appointing any person to be a judge " there shall be substituted the words " Before recommending any person to Her Majesty for appointment as a judge ".
- (4) Every judge of county courts appointed after the commencement of this Act shall take in the presence of the Lord Chancellor the oath of allegiance and judicial oath; and the Promissory Oaths Act, 1868, shall have effect as if the officers named in the Second Part of the Schedule to that Act included judges so appointed.