
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 3054

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE,
ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Commission Areas (Avon and Somerset) Order 2000

Made - - - - *7th November 2000*
Laid before Parliament *14th November 2000*
Coming into force - - *1st January 2001*

Whereas the Avon and Somerset magistrates' courts committee have, in pursuance of subsection (1) of section 32A of the Justices of the Peace Act 1997⁽¹⁾, submitted to the Lord Chancellor written proposals for the alteration of commission areas including parts of the area for which they are the committee:

And whereas by subsections (4) and (5) of the said section it is provided that any order made by the Lord Chancellor under section 1(2) of the said Act shall be taken to implement such proposals if it does so either without changes or only with changes which do not appear to him to be important and that any such order may contain such consequential and transitional provisions as appear to him to be necessary or expedient:

And whereas the provisions of subsection (2) of section 32A of the Act of 1997 have been complied with:

Now, therefore, the Lord Chancellor, in exercise of powers conferred on him by the said section 1(2), makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Commission Areas (Avon and Somerset) Order 2000 and shall come into force on 1st January 2001.

2. In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires:—

“area” means a commission area including any part of the Avon and Somerset magistrates' courts committee area;

“abolished area” means one of the areas abolished by article 3 below;

“new area” means the area constituted by article 3(b) below;

any reference to a justice for an area shall be construed as a reference to a person who holds the commission of the peace for that area.

(1) 1997 c. 25; new section 1 was substituted by, and section 32A was inserted by, the Access to Justice Act 1999, section 74.

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3. In Part I of the Schedule to the Justices of the Peace (Commission Areas) Order 1999(2):—
- (a) the entry for Somerset shall be omitted;
 - (b) for the entry for Avon there shall be substituted the following new entry:

<i>Name of commission area</i>	<i>Extent of commission area</i>
Avon and Somerset	The area of Avon and Somerset MCC

4. Every person who immediately before 1st January 2001 holds office as a justice of the peace for an abolished area shall on and after that date hold office as a justice of the peace for the new area, and the commissions of the peace for the abolished areas shall accordingly have effect as commissions of the peace for the new area until such time as a commission of the peace for that area is granted.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

Jane Kennedy
Parliamentary Secretary,
Lord Chancellor's Department

Dated 7th November 2000

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for the replacement of the two commission areas of Avon and Somerset by a single commission area to be known as the Avon and Somerset commission area, and comes into force on 1st January 2001.