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JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Petty Sessions Areas (Divisions and Names)
(Amendment) Regulations 2001**

Made - - - - - *28th February 2001*

Coming into force - - - *1st April 2001*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 34 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1997^(a), hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Petty Sessions Areas (Division and Names) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 and shall come into force on the 1st April 2001.

2. In regulation 5(1)(a) of the Petty Sessions Areas (Divisions and Names) Regulations 1988^(b) for the words “clerk to the justices” there shall be substituted the words “justices’ chief executive”.

28th February 2001

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(a) 1997 c. 25; section 34 is amended by sections 75(3) and 106 of, and Part V(1) of Schedule 15 to, the Access to Justice Act 1999 (c. 22).

(b) S.I. 1988/1698, amended by S.I. 1992/709 and S.I. 1996/576.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Petty Sessions Areas (Divisions and Names) Regulations 1988 to transfer the administrative functions of justices' clerks under the Regulations to justices' chief executives in line with section 90 (transfer of clerks' functions to chief executives) of, and Schedule 13 to, the Access to Justice Act 1999 which implement corresponding transfers in primary legislation.

Subsection (5) of that section provides that for the purposes of that section the administrative functions of justices' clerks are all of their functions apart from those which are legal functions within the meaning given by section 48(2) of the Justices of the Peace Act 1997 (c. 25), as substituted by section 89(1) of the 1999 Act.

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