



Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

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PART 1

POLICE REFORM

CHAPTER 2

THE POLICE SERVICE OF SCOTLAND

Constables: appointment, ranks and terms of office

11 Ranks

- (1) The ranks which a constable may hold are—
 - (a) chief constable,
 - (b) deputy chief constable,
 - (c) assistant chief constable,
 - (d) chief superintendent,
 - (e) superintendent,
 - (f) chief inspector,
 - (g) inspector,
 - (h) sergeant,
 - (i) constable.
- (2) Constables appointed as senior officers under section 7 are to hold the rank corresponding to the office to which they are appointed.
- (3) It is for the chief constable to assign, and to make promotions to, ranks below that of assistant chief constable.
- (4) A constable may be demoted in rank only—
 - (a) if the constable consents, or

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- (b) in accordance with regulations made under section 48.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify subsection (1) to add or remove any rank below that of chief constable.
- (6) Regulations made under subsection (5) may make such provision in consequence of the addition or removal of a rank as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate including (in particular) provision—
 - (a) creating or removing an office corresponding to the rank,
 - (b) relating to the functions of senior officers,
 - (c) modifying this or any other enactment.
- (7) Before making regulations, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) the chief constable,
 - (b) the Authority,
 - (c) the joint central committee of the Police Federation for Scotland,
 - (d) such persons as appear to them to be representative of senior officers,
 - (e) such persons as appear to them to be representative of superintendents (including chief superintendents), and
 - (f) such other persons as they consider appropriate.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 11(1)-(4) in force at 1.10.2012 by S.S.I. 2012/253, art. 2, Sch.
- I2** S. 11(5)-(7) in force at 1.4.2013 by S.S.I. 2013/51, art. 2

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Ch. 12A inserted by [2017 asp 4 s. 1\(1\)](#)
- s. 17(2)(h) inserted by [2017 asp 4 s. 2\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 17(4)(b)(iv) inserted by [2017 asp 4 s. 2\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 20A inserted by [2017 asp 4 s. 3](#)