



New Forest Act 1877

1877 CHAPTER cxxi 40 and 41 Vict

Status and Powers of Verderers

24 Courts of swainmote to be held by verderers.

The verderers as constituted under this Act shall hold courts of swainmote for the despatch of the administrative and judicial business to be transacted by them, and shall from time to time make such regulations with respect to the summoning, notice, place, and adjournment of such courts, and generally with respect to the transaction and management of business, as they think fit, subject to the following conditions:

- (a)^{F1}
- (b) A court may be summoned at any time on the requisition in writing of any three verderers, or of the official verderer; and,
- (c) Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes of the verderers present and voting on that question; and,
- (d) A court, where another number is not prescribed by this Act, shall be constituted by the presence of three verderers; and,
- (e) The official verderer shall be chairman of the court; and,
- (f) If at any court the chairman is not present at the time appointed for holding the same, or within a quarter of an hour afterwards, the verderers present shall choose some one of their number to be chairman of the court; and,
- (g) In case of an equality of votes at any court when transacting administrative business, the chairman for the time being of such court shall have a second or casting vote.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 24(a) repealed by [New Forest Act 1949 \(c. 69\)](#), s. 22, [Sch. 2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 24 amended by [New Forest Act 1949 \(c. 69\)](#), s. 8

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the New Forest Act 1877, Section 24.