



# Justices of the Peace Act 1968

## 1968 CHAPTER 69

### **7 Commencement, and power to provide for transitional matters**

- (1) The provisions of section 1 of this Act and Schedules 1 to 3 shall not come into force until such day as Her Majesty may by Order in Council appoint, and a different day may be appointed for different provisions or for different purposes of the same provision.
- (2) An Order in Council under subsection (1) above may include such provision as appears to Her Majesty to be expedient for supplementing, as regards transitional matters, the provisions of this Act and in particular for avoiding interruption or inconvenience in the administration of justice or the discharge of other functions of justices in consequence of any change made by section 1 in the persons who are to be justices or the area for which any justice is to act; and any provision included in an Order in Council by virtue of this subsection may be varied or revoked by a further Order in Council.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (2) above, an Order in Council may by virtue of that subsection include—
  - (a) provision as to the effect of process issued, orders made, appeals brought, cases stated, licences granted and other things done before the time when a provision of this Act comes into force for any purpose, and as to the preservation and custody of writs, processes, records and documents; and
  - (b) provision for enabling any justice to continue for such period as may be specified in the order to act in the exercise of a particular jurisdiction or in relation to particular cases as if section 1 of this Act had not been passed, and for any purpose incidental or supplementary thereto.
- (4) The provisions of section 4 of this Act shall not come into force until such day as the Secretary of State may by order (to be made by statutory instrument) appoint, and a different day may be appointed for Scotland from the day appointed for England and Wales.
- (5) Any statutory instrument containing an Order in Council or order under this section shall be laid before Parliament after being made.