



Administration of Justice Act 1973

1973 CHAPTER 15

An Act to amend the law relating to justices of the peace and to make further provision with respect to the administration of justice and matters connected therewith. [18th April 1973]

PART I

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

1

(1) ^{F1}

(9) There shall cease to have effect—

- (a) section 1 of the ^{M1}Metropolitan Police Act 1829 in so far as it regulates the appointment or removal of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis ; and
- (b) so much of section 2 of the ^{M2}Metropolitan Police Act 1856 as provides for the Assistant Commissioners of Police of the Metropolis to be justices of the peace ;

and the Commissioner of Police shall be appointed in like manner as Assistant Commissioners are under the said section 2 to be appointed.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1(1)—(8) repealed by [Justices of the Peace Act 1979 \(c. 55, SIF 82\)](#), [Sch. 3](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 “The said section 2” means [Metropolitan Police Act 1856 \(c. 2, SIF 95\)](#), [s. 2](#)

C2 The text of ss. 7(2), 14(1), 18(1) and Sch. 2 Pt. II and part of s. 1(9) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and, except as specified does not reflect any amendments or repeals made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

M1 [1829 c. 44](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

M2 1856 c. 2.

- 2** (1) **F2**
- (4) **F3**
- (5) **F4**

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 2(1)—(3) repealed by [Justices of the Peace Act 1979 \(c. 55, SIF 82\)](#), **Sch. 3**

F3 S. 2(4) repealed by [Judicial Pensions Act 1981 \(c. 20, SIF 71:2\)](#), **Sch. 4**

F4 S. 2(5)—(7) repealed by [Justices of the Peace Act 1979 \(c. 55, SIF 82\)](#), **Sch. 3**

- 3** **F5**

Textual Amendments

F5 S. 3 repealed by [Justices of the Peace Act 1979 \(c. 55, SIF 82\)](#), **Sch. 3**

- 4** **F6**

Textual Amendments

F6 S. 4 repealed by [Solicitors Act 1974 \(c. 47, SIF 76:1\)](#), **Sch. 4**

[^{F7}5 Consequential.

Paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect; and the enactments specified in paragraph 10 of that Schedule shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in that paragraph.]

Textual Amendments

F7 S. 5 substituted (19.6.1997) by virtue of [1997 c. 25, ss. 73\(2\), 74\(1\)](#), **Sch. 5 para. 13(2)** (with [Sch. 4 para. 27](#))

PART II

MISCELLANEOUS

6 Jurisdiction of county courts in relation to land.

(1) In the enactments mentioned in Schedule 2 to this Act (which deal with the jurisdiction of county courts in actions relating to land, and connected matters) there shall be

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

made the amendments required by that Schedule, in lieu of any amendment of the same words made by previous enactments; and the county court limit under any of the enactments amended by an entry in Part I of the Schedule shall be the amount specified in column 3 in that entry or such greater amount as Her Majesty may from time to time by Order in Council direct.

- (2) No recommendation shall be made to Her Majesty in Council to make an Order under this section unless a draft of the Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (3) No provision of this Act or of any Order in Council under this section shall affect the operation of section 49 of the ^{M3}County Courts Act 1959 or that of section 109(2)(a), (b) or (c) of that Act in the case of actions commenced before the coming into force of that provision.

Marginal Citations

M3 1959 c. 22.

[^{F8}7

- (1) ^{F9}
- (2) In section 93 of that Act (which enables the judge to refer proceedings or questions arising in proceedings for inquiry and report) there shall be made the following amendments—
 - (a) in subsection (1), at the end, there shall be inserted the words “and, in such cases as may be prescribed by and subject to county court rules, the registrar may refer to a referee for inquiry and report any question arising in any proceedings.” ; and
 - (b) in subsection (2), after the word “judge”, there shall be inserted the words “or, as the case may be, the registrar”.]

Textual Amendments

- F8** S. 7 repealed (E.W.) by [County Courts Act 1984 \(c. 28, SIF 34\)](#), s. 148(3), [Sch. 4](#)
- F9** S. 7(1) repealed by [Administration of Justice Act 1977 \(c. 38\)](#), [Sch. 5 Pt. VI](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** The text of ss. 7(2), 14(1), 18(1) and Sch. 2 Pt. II and part of s. 1(9) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and, except as specified does not reflect any amendments or repeals made prior to 1.2.1991.

8 Extension of powers of court in action by mortgagee of dwelling-house.

- (1) Where by a mortgage of land which consists of or includes a dwelling-house, or by any agreement between the mortgagee under such a mortgage and the mortgagor, the mortgagor is entitled or is to be permitted to pay the principal sum secured by instalments or otherwise to defer payment of it in whole or in part, but provision is also made for earlier payment in the event of any default by the mortgagor or of a demand by the mortgagee or otherwise, then for purposes of section 36 of the ^{M4}Administration of Justice Act 1970 (under which a court has power to delay giving a mortgagee

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

possession of the mortgaged property so as to allow the mortgagor a reasonable time to pay any sums due under the mortgage) a court may treat as due under the mortgage on account of the principal sum secured and of interest on it only such amounts as the mortgagor would have expected to be required to pay if there had been no such provision for earlier payment.

- (2) A court shall not exercise by virtue of subsection (1) above the powers conferred by section 36 of the ^{M5}Administration of Justice Act 1970 unless it appears to the court not only that the mortgagor is likely to be able within a reasonable period to pay any amounts regarded (in accordance with subsection (1) above) as due on account of the principal sum secured, together with the interest on those amounts, but also that he is likely to be able by the end of that period to pay any further amounts that he would have expected to be required to pay by then on account of that sum and of interest on it if there had been no such provision as is referred to in subsection (1) above for earlier payment.
- (3) Where subsection (1) above would apply to an action in which a mortgagee only claimed possession of the mortgaged property, and the mortgagee brings an action for foreclosure (with or without also claiming possession of the property), then section 36 of the Administration of Justice Act 1970 together with subsections (1) and (2) above shall apply as they would apply if it were an action in which the mortgagee only claimed possession of the mortgaged property, except that—
 - (a) section 36(2)(b) shall apply only in relation to any claim for possession; and
 - (b) section 36(5) shall not apply.
- (4) For purposes of this section the expressions “dwelling-house”, “mortgage”, “mortgagee” and “mortgagor” shall be construed in the same way as for the purposes of Part IV of the Administration of Justice Act 1970.
- (5) This section shall have effect in relation to an action begun before the date on which this section comes into force if before that date judgment has not been given, nor an order made, in that action for delivery of possession of the mortgaged property and, where it is a question of subsection (3) above, an order *nisi* for foreclosure has not been made in that action.
- (6) In the application of this section to Northern Ireland, subsection (3) shall be omitted.

Marginal Citations

M4 1970 c. 31.

M5 1970 c. 31.

9 Judicial salaries.

- (1) Subject to the following subsections, there shall be paid to—
 - (a) Lords of Appeal in Ordinary;
 - [^{F10}(b) judges of the Supreme Court in England and Wales other than the Lord Chancellor;]
 - (c) judges of the Court of Session;
 - (d) judges of the Supreme Court in Northern Ireland;
 - [^{F11}(e) District Judges (Magistrates’ Courts);]

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

such salaries as may be determined, with the consent of the Minister for the Civil Service, by the Lord Chancellor or, in the case of judges of the Court of Session, by the Secretary of State.

- (2) Until otherwise determined under this section, there shall be paid to the holders of judicial office mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (1) above the same salaries as at the coming into force of this section.
- (3) Any salary payable under this section may be increased, but not reduced, by a determination or further determination under this section.
- (4) F12
- (5) Salaries payable under this section shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Textual Amendments

- F10** S. 9(1)(b) repealed (E.W.) by Supreme Court Act 1981 (c. 54, SIF 37), s. 152(4), Sch. 7
- F11** S. 9(1)(e) substituted for s. 9(1)(e)(f) (31.8.2000) by 1999 c. 22, s. 78, Sch. 11 para. 21 (with Sch. 14 para. 7(2)); S.I. 2000/1920, art. 3
- F12** S. 9(4) repealed by Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41, SIF 76:1), ss. 84(e), 125(6)(7), Sch. 19 para. 10(4), Sch. 20

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C4** By virtue of S.I. 1981/1670, arts. 2, 3(5), s. 9(1) has effect as if the reference to the Minister for the Civil Service were a reference to the Treasury
- C5** S. 9(1)(c) modified (9.11.1998) by 1998 c. 42, ss. 18(4)(b), 22(2) (with ss. 7(8), 22(5))
- C6** S. 9(1)(c)(d) modified (27.9.1999) by 1999 c. 22, ss. 68(3)(a), 103(3)(b) (with Sch. 14 para. 7(2))
- C7** S. 9(1)(d) modified (9.11.1998) by 1998 c. 42, ss. 18(4)(c), 22(2) (with ss. 7(8), 22(5))

10 Judicial pensions (increase of widow's and children's pensions).

[^{F13}(1) The annual amount of the widow's [^{F14}or widower's] pension that may be granted under or by virtue of the ^{M6}Administration of Justice (Pensions) Act 1950 wholly or partly in respect of relevant service after the passing of this Act, and the annual amount of the children's pension that may be so granted, shall be increased in accordance with this section; and where the widow's [^{F14}or widower's] pension or children's pension (if any) that may be granted in respect of a person's relevant service is so increased, there shall be made towards the cost of the liability therefor such contributions (in lieu of or in addition to that required by section 8 of the Act of 1950) as may be prescribed, in the form either of a reduction or further reduction of the lump sum pension benefit payable in respect of that service or of deductions from the salary so payable or partly in one of those forms and partly in the other.]

[^{F13}(2) In the case of pensions attributable wholly to relevant service after the passing of this Act,—

- (a) the annual amount of a widow's [^{F14}or widower's] pension may be one-half of the annual amount of the personal pension of the deceased; and
- (b) subject to section 7(4) of the Act of 1950 (which makes provision for the case of a widow [^{F15}or widower] remarrying), the annual amount of a children's pension, while there is only one person for whose benefit it can enure, may amount—

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

- (i) where the deceased [^{F16}left a spouse and he or] she is still alive, to one-quarter of the annual amount of the personal pension; and
- (ii) in any other case, to one-third of the annual amount of the personal pension;

and while there are two or more persons for whose benefit it can enure, may amount to twice the figure given by whichever is applicable of sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) above.

In section 7(4) of the Act of 1950 the reference to subsection (2) of that section shall include paragraph (b)(ii) of this subsection.]

[^{F13}(3) Subject to subsection (4) below, in the case of pensions payable partly in respect of relevant service after the passing of this Act but not attributable wholly to that service, the annual value of the widow's [^{F14}or widower's] pension or children's pension that may be granted shall be determined by reference to the proportions which the relevant service before and after that time bear to the whole of the relevant service, and shall be the amount obtained by adding—

- (a) the part proportionate to the service before that time of the annual amount of the pension that might have been granted if this section had not been passed; and
- (b) the part proportionate to the service after that time of the annual amount of the pension that might have been granted if this section had always had effect.]

[^{F13}(4) In relation to persons serving at the passing of this Act provision may be made by regulations whereby, subject to any prescribed conditions, an election may be made by or with respect to a person—

- (a) that subsection (2) above shall apply to him [^{F17}or her] as if the whole of his [^{F17}or her] relevant service were service after the passing of this Act, and subsection (3) shall not apply;
- (b) that subsections (1) to (3) above shall not apply to him [^{F17}or her], and the Act of 1950 shall apply as if this section had not been passed;
- (c) in the case of a person who elected under section 11(1) or (2) of the Act of 1950 for his [^{F17}or her] eligibility for pension not to satisfy the conditions for the grant of a widow's [^{F18}widower's] or children's pension, that the election under that section shall be revoked.]

[^{F13}(5) Where a person's relevant service is partly before and partly after the passing of this Act, then for the purposes of this section any widow's [^{F19}widower's] or children's pension payable in respect of that service is to be regarded as attributable wholly to the service after that time if the service before that time does not add to the annual rate of the personal pension, and for the purposes of subsection (3) there shall be left out of account so much (if any) of the service before that time as does not add to the annual amount of the personal pension.]

[^{F13}(6) Regulations made for purposes of this section may make provision for consequential or incidental matters, including provision excluding or modifying the operation of any enactment passed before this Act; and in particular any regulations providing for contributions by deduction from salary may make consequential provision as to sections 10 and 11 of the Act of 1950 and any other enactment referring or relating to lump sums payable under that Act.]

[^{F13}(7) Regulations for purposes of this section may be made, with the concurrence of the Minister for the Civil Service, by the Lord Chancellor or, in relation to pensions for

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

service in offices existing only in Scotland, by the Secretary of State; and the power to make regulations for purposes of this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument, which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

- (8) The foregoing provisions of this section shall have effect in relation to the enactments mentioned in Schedule 3 to this Act as they have effect in relation to the Act of 1950, but subject to the adaptations provided for by that Schedule; and provision corresponding to that which is made by subsections (1) and (3) above, or which may be made by regulations under this section for purposes of those subsections may, in relation to the pension benefits of any resident magistrate or county court registrar included in Schedule 5 to the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 (persons remaining subject to the Superannuation Acts (Northern Ireland) 1967 and 1969), be made by order of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

..... F20

- (9) F21

Textual Amendments

- F13** S. 10(1)–(7), except as applied by subsection (8), repealed (with saving) by [Judicial Pensions Act 1981 \(c. 20, SIF 71:2\)](#), s. 36, [Sch. 2 para. 18](#), [Sch. 4](#)
- F14** Words in s. 10(1)(2)(a)(3) inserted (31.3.1995) by [1993 c. 8, s. 31\(3\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 10\(1\)\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 2\(2\), 3\(2\), 4](#)); [S.I. 1995/631](#), [art. 2](#)
- F15** Words in s. 10(2)(b) inserted (31.3.1995) by [1993 c. 8, s. 31\(3\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 10\(1\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 2\(2\), 3\(2\), 4](#)); [S.I. 1995/631](#), [art. 2](#)
- F16** Words in s. 10(2)(b)(i) substituted (31.3.1995) by [1993 c. 8, s. 31\(3\)](#), [Sch. 6 para. 10\(1\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 2\(2\), 3\(2\), 4](#)); [S.I. 1995/631](#), [art. 2](#)
- F17** Words in s. 10(4) inserted (31.3.1995) by [1993 c. 8, s. 31\(3\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 10\(1\)\(c\)\(i\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 2\(2\), 3\(2\), 4](#)); [S.I. 1995/631](#), [art. 2](#)
- F18** Words in s. 10(4)(c) inserted (31.3.1995) by [1993 c. 8, s. 31\(3\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 10\(1\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 2\(2\), 3\(2\), 4](#)); [S.I. 1995/631](#), [art. 2](#)
- F19** Words in s. 10(5) inserted (31.3.1995) by [1993 c. 8, s. 31\(3\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 10\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 2\(2\), 3\(2\), 4](#)); [S.I. 1995/631](#), [art. 2](#).
- F20** Words repealed by [Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 \(c. 36\)](#), [Sch. 6 Pt. I](#)
- F21** S. 10(9) repealed by [Judicial Pensions Act 1981 \(c. 20, SIF 71:2\)](#), s. 36, [Sch. 4](#)

Marginal Citations

- M6** [1950 c. 11 \(14 & 15 Geo. 6\)](#).

- 11 F22

Textual Amendments

- F22** S. 11 repealed by [Judicial Pensions Act 1981 \(c. 20, SIF 71:2\)](#), s. 36, [Sch. 4](#)

12 Retirement of higher judiciary in event of incapacity.

- (1) Where the Lord Chancellor is satisfied by means of a medical certificate that a person holding office as Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, [^{F23}as judge of the Supreme Court in

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

England and Wales] or as judge of the Supreme Court in Northern Ireland is disabled by permanent infirmity from the performance of the duties of his office, but is for the time being incapacitated from resigning it, then subject to subsections (2) to (4) below the Lord Chancellor may by instrument under his hand declare that person’s office to have been vacated, and the instrument shall have the like effect for all purposes as if that person had on the date of the instrument resigned his office.

(2) A declaration under this section with respect to a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary shall be of no effect unless it is made with the concurrence of the senior of the Lords of Appeal or, if made with respect to him, with that of the next senior of them.

[^{F24}(3) A declaration under this section with respect to a judge of the Supreme Court in England and Wales shall be of no effect unless it is made—

- (a) in the case of any of the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, the President of the Family Division and the Vice-Chancellor, with the concurrence of two others of them;
- (b) in the case of a Lord Justice of Appeal, with the concurrence of the Master of the Rolls;
- (c) in the case of a puisne judge of the Queen’s Bench Division, with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice;
- (d) in the case of a puisne judge of the Chancery Division other than the Vice-Chancellor, with the concurrence of the Vice-Chancellor;
- (e) in the case of a puisne judge of the Family Division, with the concurrence of the President of the Family Division.]

(4) A declaration under this section with respect to a judge of the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland shall be of no effect unless it is made with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland or, if made with respect to him, with that of the senior Lord Justice of Appeal.

Textual Amendments
F23 Words repealed (E.W.) by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54, SIF 37\)](#), s. 152(4), [Sch. 7](#)
F24 [S. 12\(3\)](#) repealed (E.W.) by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54, SIF 37\)](#), s. 152(4), [Sch. 7](#)

13 ^{F25}

Textual Amendments
F25 [S. 13](#) repealed by [Judicial Pensions Act 1981 \(c. 20, SIF 71:2\)](#), s. 36, [Sch. 4](#)

14 Pensions of resident magistrates in Northern Ireland.

(1) In the ^{M7}Residents Magistrates’ Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1960 the definition of “retiring salary” in section 22(1) shall be amended by omitting the word “average” and by substituting for the words “during the three years immediately preceding the date of his retirement” the words “immediately before his retirement”.

(2) This section shall not affect any pension or other benefit payable to or in respect of a person who retired or died before the coming into force of this section.

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

(3) F26

Textual Amendments

F26 S. 14(3) repealed by [Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 \(c. 36\)](#), [Sch. 6 Pt. I](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C8 The text of ss. 7(2), 14(1), 18(1) and Sch. 2 Pt. II and part of s. 1(9) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and, except as specified does not reflect any amendments or repeals made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

M7 [1960 c. 2 \(N.I.\)](#).

15 F27

Textual Amendments

F27 S. 15 repealed by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54, SIF 37\)](#), s. 152(4), [Sch. 7](#)

16 Appointment of deputy district registrars of High Court and deputy county court registrars.

[^{F28}(1) If it appears to the Lord Chancellor that it is expedient as a temporary measure to make an appointment under this subsection in order to facilitate the disposal of business in the High Court, he may appoint a person to be a deputy district registrar in any district registry of the High Court during such period or on such occasions as the Lord Chancellor thinks fit; and a deputy district registrar, while acting under his appointment, shall have the same powers as if he were the district registrar.]

(2) F29

[^{F30}(7) After the coming into force of this section no further appointment shall be made of provisional district registrars or deputy district registrars under section 84 of the ^{M8}Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925 or section 11 of the ^{M9}Administration of Justice Act 1956, or of deputy county court registrars under section 27 of the County Courts Act 1959; and on the coming into force of this section any person then holding office as deputy district registrar or deputy county court registrar shall vacate that office, but so that subsections (4), (5) and (6) above shall thereafter apply to him as if he had been appointed under this section for a period then expiring.]

Textual Amendments

F28 S. 16(1) repealed (E.W.) by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54, SIF 37\)](#), s. 152(4), [Sch. 7](#)

F29 S. 16(2)—(6) repealed by [County Courts Act 1984 \(c. 28, SIF 34\)](#), s. 148(3), [Sch. 4](#)

F30 S. 16(7) repealed (E.W.) by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54, SIF 37\)](#), s. 152(4), [Sch. 7](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

Marginal Citations

- M8 1925 c. 49.
- M9 1956 c. 46.

17 F31

Textual Amendments

- F31 S. 17 repealed by [Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 31(6), [Sch. 2](#)

18 Payment of interpreters in criminal cases (Northern Ireland).

- (1) In the Costs in Criminal Cases Act (Northern Ireland) 1968, after section 5 thereof, there shall be inserted the following section—

“5A Fees of required interpreter.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act, where in any criminal proceedings an interpreter is required because of a defendant’s lack of English, the expenses properly incurred on his employment shall, in accordance with rules made pursuant to section 7, be defrayed by the Ministry.”

- (2) Where in any of the following proceedings, that is to say,—
 - (a) F32
 - (b) any proceedings before . . . F33 the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland in a criminal cause or matter;
 - (c) any proceedings on an appeal to the House of Lords from a decision in proceedings within . . . F34 (b) above or an application for leave to appeal from such a decision;

an interpreter is required because of a defendant’s lack of English, the expenses properly incurred on his employment shall be defrayed by the [F35 Secretary of State], up to an amount allowed by the court or (in the case of proceedings in that House) by the House of Lords.

In this subsection “defendant” means the person (whether convicted or not) who is alleged to be guilty of an offence.

- (3) F36

Textual Amendments

- F32 S. 18(2)(a) repealed by [Criminal Appeal \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1980 \(c. 47, SIF 38\)](#), s. 51(2), [Sch. 5](#)
- F33 Words repealed by [Judicature \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1978 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 123(2), [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#)
- F34 Words repealed by [Criminal Appeal \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1980 \(c. 47, SIF 38\)](#), s. 51(2), [Sch. 5](#)
- F35 Words substituted by [S.I. 1980/704 \(N.I. 6\)](#), art. 12, [Sch. 1 para. 69](#)
- F36 S. 18(3) repealed by [Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 \(c. 36\)](#), [Sch. 6 Pt. I](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C9** The text of ss. 7(2), 14(1), 18(1) and Sch. 2 Pt. II and part of s. 1(9) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and, except as specified does not reflect any amendments or repeals made prior to 1.2.1991.

PART III

SUPPLEMENTARY

19, 20. ^{F37}

Textual Amendments

- F37** Ss. 19, 20 repealed by Statute Law Repeals Act 1989 (c. 43), s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt. 1

21 Short title and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Administration of Justice Act 1973.
- (2) The foregoing sections of this Act shall not extend to Scotland or to Northern Ireland except to the following extent, that is to say—
 - (a) sections 9 to 12 of this Act, and the repeals made by Parts IV and V of Schedule 5, shall extend to Scotland or to Northern Ireland in so far as they affect the law of Scotland or of Northern Ireland; and
 - (b) sections 8, 14 and 18 of this Act (together with so much of section 20(1) as relates to those sections) shall extend to Northern Ireland.

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

SCHEDULE 1

Sections 5 and 20.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (CONSEQUENTIAL RE-ENACTMENTS AND AMENDMENTS)

PART I

RETIREMENT AND SUPERANNUATION OF STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES

1 F38

Textual Amendments

F38 Sch. 1 para. 1 repealed by Justices of the Peace Act 1979 (c. 55, SIF 82), **Sch. 3**

2 F39

Textual Amendments

F39 Sch. 1 para. 2 repealed by Judicial Pensions Act 1981 (c. 20, SIF 71:2), **Sch. 4**

F40³

Textual Amendments

F40 Sch. 1 para. 3 repealed (19.6.1997) by 1997 c. 25, ss. 73(3), 74(1), **Sch. 6 Pt. I** (with Sch. 4 para. 27)

PART II

SUPPLEMENTAL LIST FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

4—6. F41

Textual Amendments

F41 Sch. 1 paras. 4—6 repealed by Justices of the Peace Act 1979 (c. 55, SIF 82), **Sch. 3**

7 Any such act as is mentioned in [^{F42}section 9(2)(a) to (c) of the Justices of the Peace Act 1997], where it may be done by a justice of the peace, may, subject to any express provision made to the contrary by any enactment or instrument relating to that act, be done also by any person who is . . . ^{F43}, mayor of a London borough or chairman of a county or district council in England or Wales.

Textual Amendments

F42 Words in Sch. 1 para. 7 substituted (19.6.1997) by virtue of 1997 c. 25, ss. 73(2), 74(1), **Sch. 5 para. 13(4)** (with Sch. 4 para. 27)

F43 Words repealed by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 102, **Sch. 17**

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

[^{F44}7A Where the council of a London borough are operating executive arrangements, which involve a mayor and cabinet executive or a mayor and council manager executive, paragraph 7 shall have effect as if for the expression “mayor of a London borough” there were substituted “chairman of a London borough”.]

Textual Amendments

F44 Sch. 1 para. 7A inserted (6.5.2002) by S.I. 2002/1057, art. 7

[^{F45}7B In this Part, “ executive arrangements” , “mayor and cabinet executive” and “mayor and council manager executive” have the same meaning as in Part II of the Local Government Act 2000.]

Textual Amendments

F45 Sch. 1 para. 7B inserted (6.5.2002) by S.I. 2002/1057, art. 7

PART III

8 ^{F46}

Textual Amendments

F46 Sch. 1 para. 8 repealed by Justices of the Peace Act 1979 (c. 55, SIF 82), Sch. 3

PART IV

AMENDMENTS

9 (1) ^{F47}

(2) ^{F48}

Textual Amendments

F47 Sch. 1 para. 9(1) repealed by Justices of the Peace Act 1979 (c. 55, SIF 82), Sch. 1 para. 6, Sch. 3

F48 Sch. 1 para. 9(2) repealed by Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47, SIF 76:1), Sch. 4

10 (1) In section 1 of the ^{M10}Metropolitan Police Act 1829 for the words from “and by warrant” to “those several counties” there shall be substituted the words “and from time to time by warrant under his sign manual to appoint during His Majesty’s pleasure a Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis to execute the duties the duties of chief officer of the police force hereby established” ; and any person holding office as Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis at the coming into force of this paragraph shall be deemed to have been appointed under that section as so amended.

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

(2) Subject to any express amendment or repeal made by this Act, any reference in the ^{M11}Metropolitan Police Act 1829 or in any other enactment passed before the ^{M12}Metropolitan Police Act 1856 to the justices appointed under the Metropolitan Police Act 1829 or to the Commissioners of Police of the Metropolis shall continue to have effect as a reference to the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C10 “that section” means Metropolitan Police Act 1829 (c. 44, SIF 95), s. 1

Marginal Citations

- M10** 1829 c. 44.
- M11** 1829 c. 44(95).
- M12** 1856 c. 2(95).

11 F49

Textual Amendments

F49 Sch. 1 para. 11 repealed by Judicial Pensions Act 1981 (c. 20, SIF 71:2), Sch. 4

12 F50

Textual Amendments

F50 Sch. 1 para. 12 repealed by Justices of the Peace Act 1979 (c. 55, SIF 82), Sch. 3

[^{F51}SCHEDULE 2

Section 6.]

JURISDICTION OF COUNTY COURTS IN RELATION TO LAND

Textual Amendments

F51 Sch. 2 so far as it relates to County Courts Act 1959 (c. 22) repealed by County Courts Act 1984 (c. 28, SIF 34), s. 148(3), Sch. 4

PART I

AMENDMENTS AS TO LIMIT ON JURISDICTION

<i>Act</i>	<i>Amendments</i>	<i>Limit on jurisdiction</i>
The Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 56).	In section 63(2) for the words “does not exceed £500” in paragraph (a) there shall be substituted the words “is not	£5,000.

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

over the county court limit”,
and for the words “exceeds
£500” in paragraph (b) there
shall be substituted the words
“is over the county court
limit”.

The County Courts Act 1959 (7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 22). In sections 48(1), 51(a) and £1,000.
(b) and 191(3), and in the
entries in Schedule 1 relating
to sections 146 and 147 of
the Law of Property Act
1925, for the words “does
not exceed £100” there shall
in each case be substituted
the words “is not above the
county court limit”.

PART II

RELATED AMENDMENTS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C11 The text of ss. 7(2), 14(1), 18(1) and Sch. 2 Pt. II and part of s. 1(9) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and, except as specified does not reflect any amendments or repeals made prior to 1.2.1991.

In the ^{M13}County Courts Act 1959—

- a b ^{F52}
- c in section 200 (construction of references to net annual value for rating), in subsection (2), for the words from “shall” onwards, there shall be substituted—
- “(a) shall, for the purposes of entitling a county court to exercise jurisdiction (but not for any other purpose), be taken to have a net annual value for rating not exceeding that of any such hereditament of which at the time in question it forms part ; and
 - (b) subject to paragraph (a) above, shall be taken to have a net annual value for rating equal to its value by the year.”

Textual Amendments

F52 Sch. 2 Pt. II paras. (a)(b) repealed by Supreme Court Act 1981 (c. 54, SIF 37), s. 152(4), Sch. 7

Marginal Citations

M13 1959 c. 22.

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

SCHEDULE 3

Section 10.

INCREASE OF CERTAIN WIDOW'S AND CHILDREN'S PENSIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

- 1 The enactments in relation to which section 10 of this Act has effect by virtue of section 10(8) are—
- (a) Part XIII of the ^{M14}County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959 (relating to county court judges and clerks of the Crown and peace), in relation to which the references in section 10 of this Act to section 7(4), section 8 and section 11 (or sections 10 and 11) of the Act of 1950 shall be replaced, respectively, by references to section 126(4) of the County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959, section 127 of that Act and section 13 of the ^{M15}Judicial Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1951;
 - (b) the ^{M16}Resident Magistrates' Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1960, in relation to which—
 - (i) subsection (4)(c) of section 10 of this Act and the reference in subsection (6) to sections 10 and 11 of the Act of 1950 shall not apply; and
 - (ii) the references in section 10 to section 7(4) and section 8 of the Act of 1950 shall be replaced, respectively, by references to section 8(4) and section 9 of the ^{M17}Resident Magistrates' Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1960;
 - (c) Part II of the ^{M18}Judicial Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1951 (relating, by virtue of later enactments, to the National Insurance Commissioners, the President of the Industrial Court and the President of the Industrial Tribunals), in relation to which—
 - (i) subsection (4)(c) of section 10 of this Act and the reference in subsection (6) to sections 10 and 11 of the Act of 1950 shall not apply; and
 - (ii) the references in section 10 to section 7(4) and section 8 of the Act of 1950 shall be replaced, respectively, by references to section 10(4) and section 11 of the ^{M19}Judicial Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1951.

Marginal Citations

- M14** 1959 c. 25 (N.I.)
M15 1951 c. 20 (N.I.)
M16 1960 c. 2 (N.I.)
M17 1960 c. 2 (N.I.)
M18 1951 c. 20 (N.I.)
M19 1951 c. 20 (N.I.)

- 2 In relation to the provisions to which section 10 of this Act applies by virtue of paragraph 1(a) or of paragraphs 1(b) above references in section 10 to relevant service shall have effect as references to service within the meaning of those provisions.
- 3 In relation to any of the provisions to which section 10 of this Act applies by virtue of paragraph 1 above, the expression “enactment” in section 10(6) shall mean enactment of the Parliament of Northern Ireland or amendable by Act of

Status: Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation: Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

that Parliament; and section 10(7) shall not apply, but regulations for purposes of section 10 may be made with the consent of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland by the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland or, in relation to the ^{M20}Judicial Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1951, [^{F53}the Department of Economic Development], and shall be subject to negative resolution within the meaning of section 41(6) of the ^{M21}Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 as if they were a statutory instrument within the meaning of that Act.

Textual Amendments

F53 Words in [Sch. 3 para. 3](#) substituted (31.3.1995) by virtue of [1993 c. 8, s. 51\(3\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 10\(2\)](#); [S.I. 1995/631, art. 2](#).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C12 Reference to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland to be construed as reference to the Treasury by virtue of [Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 \(c. 36, SIF 29:3\)](#), s. 40, [Sch. 5 para. 8](#); [S.I. 1973/2163, art. 5\(1\)\(c\)](#), Sch. 2 and [S.I. 1981/1670, arts. 2\(1\)\(c\)](#), 3(5)

C13 Reference to the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland to be construed as reference to the Lord Chancellor by virtue of [Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 \(c. 36, SIF 29:3\)](#), s. 40, [Sch. 5 para. 8](#) and [S.I. 1973/2163, art. 3](#), [Sch. 2](#)

Marginal Citations

M20 [1951 c. 20 \(N.I.\)](#)

M21 [1954 c. 33 \(N.I.\)](#)

^{F54}^{F54}SCHEDULE 4

Textual Amendments

F54 [Sch. 4](#) repealed by [Judicial Pensions Act 1981 \(c. 20, SIF 71:2\)](#), s. 36, [Sch. 4](#)

F54

^{F55}^{F55}SCHEDULE 5

Textual Amendments

F55 [Sch. 5](#) repealed by [Statute Law Repeals Act 1989 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 1, [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)

F55

Status:

Point in time view as at 06/05/2002.

Changes to legislation:

Administration of Justice Act 1973 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.