

# District Courts (Scotland) Act 1975

## **1975 CHAPTER 20**

#### **PART II**

#### JUSTICES AND CLERKS OF THE PEACE

## Justices of the peace

### 16 Justices' committees

- (1) There shall be constituted in accordance with this section a justices' committee for every commission area which shall—
  - (a) assist and advise the local authority concerned on any matter relating to the administration of the district court;
  - (b) approve the duty rota of justices;
  - (c) secure that adequate training arrangements for justices are made for their area in accordance with a scheme made under section 14 above, and that these arrangements are adhered to by justices;
  - (d) take such other steps as appear to them to be appropriate in order to secure the effective administration of justice in the district court.
- (2) The clerk of the peace for a commission area shall, before 16th June 1975 and during the month preceding 16th June in every following year, call a meeting of the justices for that area, at such place and time as he may consider convenient, to elect from their number a justices' committee.
- (3) The Secretary of State may prescribe the upper and lower limits of the number of members of which a committee in any commission area may be composed.
- (4) A stipendiary magistrate appointed to any commission area shall, by virtue of his office, be a member of the committee for that area.
- (5) The members of a committee shall elect from among themselves a chairman, who shall preside at their meetings.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (6) The clerk of the peace for a commission area shall, by virtue of his office, be secretary to the committee for that area.
- (7) A justices' committee may regulate their own procedure.