



Senior Courts Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 54

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Supplementary

153 Citation, commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the [^{F1}Senior Courts] Act 1981.
- (2) This Act, except the provisions mentioned in subsection (3), shall come into force on 1st January 1982; and references to the commencement of this Act shall be construed as references to the beginning of that day.
- (3) Sections 72, 143 and 152(2) and this section shall come into force on the passing of this Act.
- (4) In this Act—
 - (a) the following provisions extend to Scotland, namely—
 - section 80(3);
 - section 152(4) and Schedule 7, so far as they relate to the ^{M1}Admiralty Court Act 1861;
 - (b) the following provisions extend to Northern Ireland so far as they relate to the ^{M2}Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975, namely—
 - section 152(1) and Schedule 5;
 - section 152(3) and paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 6;
 - (c) the following provisions extend to Scotland and Northern Ireland, namely—
 - section 36;
 - sections 132 and 134(3);
 - section 152(1) and Schedule 5, so far as they amend—
 - (i) references to section 49 of the ^{M3}[^{F1}Senior Courts] of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925,

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- (ii) the ^{M4}House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975, and
 - (iii) section 4 of the ^{M5}Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Act 1975;
- section 152(3) and paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 6, so far as they relate to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975;
- section 152(4) and Schedule 7, so far as they relate to—
- (i) provisions of the ^{M6}[^{F1}Senior Courts] of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925 which extend throughout the United Kingdom,
 - (ii) the ^{M7}Evidence and Powers of Attorney Act 1940, and
 - (iii) section 57(3)(a) of the ^{M8}Courts Act 1971;
- (d) section 145 extends to any place to which the ^{M9}Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1968 extends, and section 152(1) and (4) and Schedules 5 and 7, so far as they relate to any of the following enactments, namely—
- ^{M10}Army Act 1955,
 - ^{M11}Air Force Act 1955,
 - section 9(2) of, and Part II of Schedule 1 to, the ^{M12}Criminal Appeal Act 1966,
 - Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1968,
 - ^{M13}Hovercraft Act 1968,
 - ^{F2} . . .
- extend to any place to which that enactment extends;
- but, save as aforesaid, the provisions of this Act, other than those mentioned in subsection (5), extend to England and Wales only.
- (5) The provisions of this Act whose extent is not restricted by subsection (4) are—
- section 27;
 - section 150;
 - section 151(1);
 - section 152(4) and Schedule 7 as far as they relate to the ^{M14}Naval Prize Act 1864, the ^{M15}Prize Courts Act 1915 and section 56 of the ^{M16}Administration of Justice Act 1956;
 - this section;
 - paragraph 1 of Schedule 4.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 153 substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), ss. 59, 148, Sch. 11 para. 26\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2\(d\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 153(4)(d) repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21, ss. 314\(1\), 316\(2\), Sch.12](#) (with [ss. 312\(1\), Sch. 14 para. 1](#))

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1861 c. 10.
M2 1975 c. 25.
M3 1925 c. 49.
M4 1975 c. 24.
M5 1975 c. 34.
M6 1925 c. 49.

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- M7** 1940 c. 28.
- M8** 1971 c. 23.
- M9** 1968 c. 20.
- M10** 1955 c. 18.
- M11** 1955 c. 19.
- M12** 1966 c. 31.
- M13** 1968 c. 59.
- M14** 1864 c. 25.
- M15** 1915 c. 57.
- M16** 1956 c. 46.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

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

- s. 31(3)(a) word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 31(3)(a) word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 31(3)(b) and word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 31(3)(b) and word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 31(3A)(3B) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(2\)](#)
- s. 31(3A)(3B) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(2\)](#)