



# Courts and Legal Services Act 1990

## 1990 CHAPTER 41

### PART III

#### JUDICIAL AND OTHER OFFICES AND JUDICIAL PENSIONS

##### *Judges*

#### **72 Presiding Judges.**

- (1) For each of the Circuits there shall be at least two Presiding Judges, appointed from among the puisne judges of the High Court.
- (2) There shall be a Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales, appointed from among the Lords Justices of Appeal.
- (3) Any appointment under subsection (1) or (2) shall be made by the Lord Chief Justice with the agreement of the Lord Chancellor.
- (4) In this section “the Circuits” means—
  - (a) the Midland and Oxford Circuit;
  - (b) the North Eastern Circuit;
  - (c) the Northern Circuit;
  - (d) the South Eastern Circuit;
  - (e) the Western Circuit; and
  - (f) the Wales and Chester Circuit,or such other areas of England and Wales as the Lord Chancellor may from time to time, after consulting the Lord Chief Justice, direct.
- (5) A person appointed as a Presiding Judge or as the Senior Presiding Judge shall hold that office in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
- (6) In section 4 of the <sup>M1</sup>Supreme Court Act 1981 (composition of High Court)—
  - (a) in subsection (1), after the words “Vice-Chancellor” there shall be inserted—

“(dd) the Senior Presiding Judge”; and

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- (b) in subsection (6) for the words “or Vice-Chancellor” there shall be substituted “Vice-Chancellor or Senior Presiding Judge”.

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