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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 2

Section 22

#### CORONER AREAS

##### *Coroner areas*

- 1 (1) England and Wales is to be divided into areas to be known as coroner areas.
- (2) Each coroner area is to consist of the area of a local authority or the combined areas of two or more local authorities.
- (3) Subject to paragraph 2—
  - (a) the coroner areas are to be those specified in an order made by the Lord Chancellor;
  - (b) each coroner area is to be known by whatever name is specified in the order.
- (4) Before making an order under this paragraph, the Lord Chancellor must consult—
  - (a) every local authority,
  - (b) the Welsh Ministers, and
  - (c) any other persons the Lord Chancellor thinks appropriate.

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#### Commencement Information

**I1** Sch. 2 para. 1 in force at 25.7.2013 by S.I. 2013/1869, art. 2(i)

##### *Alteration of coroner areas*

- 2 (1) The Lord Chancellor may make orders altering coroner areas.
- (2) Before making an order under this paragraph the Lord Chancellor must consult—
  - (a) whichever local authorities the Lord Chancellor thinks appropriate,
  - (b) in the case of a coroner area in Wales, the Welsh Ministers, and
  - (c) any other persons the Lord Chancellor thinks appropriate.
- (3) “Altering”, in relation to a coroner area, includes (as well as changing its boundaries)  
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  - (a) combining it with one or more other coroner areas;
  - (b) dividing it between two or more other coroner areas;
  - (c) changing its name.

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#### Commencement Information

**I2** Sch. 2 para. 2 in force at 25.7.2013 by S.I. 2013/1869, art. 2(i)

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### *Relevant authorities*

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- (1) This paragraph sets out for the purposes of this Part what is the “relevant authority” for a given coroner area.
  - (2) In the case of a coroner area consisting of the area of a single local authority, that authority is the relevant authority for the coroner area.
  - (3) In the case of a coroner area consisting of the areas of two or more local authorities, the relevant authority for the coroner area is—
    - (a) whichever one of those authorities they jointly nominate;
    - (b) if they cannot agree on a nomination, whichever one of them the Lord Chancellor determines.
  - (4) Before making a determination under sub-paragraph (3)(b) the Lord Chancellor must consult—
    - (a) the Secretary of State, in a case involving local authorities in England;
    - (b) the Welsh Ministers, in a case involving local authorities in Wales.
  - (5) This paragraph has effect subject to paragraph 2 of Schedule 22.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I3** Sch. 2 para. 3 in force at 25.7.2013 by S.I. 2013/1869, art. 2(i)

### *Effect of body being outside coroner area etc*

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- (1) This paragraph applies where—
    - (a) a senior coroner is responsible for conducting an investigation under this Part into a person's death, and
    - (b) the body is outside the coroner's area (whether because of its removal or otherwise).
  - (2) The coroner has the same functions in relation to the body and the investigation as would be the case if the body were within the coroner's area.
  - (3) The presence of the body at a place outside the coroner's area does not confer any functions on any other coroner.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I4** Sch. 2 para. 4 in force at 25.7.2013 by S.I. 2013/1869, art. 2(i)

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

- s. 11A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 11 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 1A inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 11 para. 1\(2\)](#)