

SCHEDULES

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JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

PART 1

JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT: NUMBER AND SELECTION

Selection of persons to be recommended for appointment to the Court

4 (1) In section 27 (selection process) after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) The commission must have an odd number of members not less than five.

(1B) The members of the commission must include—

- (a) at least one who is non-legally-qualified,
- (b) at least one judge of the Court,
- (c) at least one member of the Judicial Appointments Commission,
- (d) at least one member of the Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland, and
- (e) at least one member of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission,

and more than one of the requirements may be met by the same person’s membership of the commission.

(1C) If the commission is convened for the selection of a person to be recommended for appointment as President of the Court—

- (a) its members may not include the President of the Court, and
- (b) it is to be chaired by one of its non-legally-qualified members.

(1D) If the commission is convened for the selection of a person to be recommended for appointment as Deputy President of the Court, its members may not include the Deputy President of the Court.”

(2) At the end of that section insert—

“(11) For the purposes of this section a person is non-legally-qualified if the person—

- (a) does not hold, and has never held, any of the offices listed in Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (judicial offices disqualifying for membership of the House of Commons), and
- (b) is not practising or employed as a lawyer, and never has practised or been employed as a lawyer.”