



# Mental Health Act 1959

## 1959 CHAPTER 72

### PART VIII

#### MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTY AND AFFAIRS OF PATIENTS

#### **108 Lord Chancellor's Visitors**

- (1) There shall continue to be Medical and Legal Visitors of patients, appointed by the Lord Chancellor, and the Visitors shall be known as the Lord Chancellor's Visitors.
- (2) As respects appointments of Lord Chancellor's Visitors made after the commencement of this Act, the concurrence of the Treasury shall be required as to numbers.
- (3) A person shall not be qualified to be appointed a Medical Visitor unless he is a medical practitioner who appears to the Lord Chancellor to have special knowledge and experience of cases of mental disorder.
- (4) Subsection (3) of section one hundred and sixteen of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925 (which precludes the appointment as deputy in any office of the Supreme Court of a person who is not qualified for appointment to that office) shall not prevent a person who has previously held an appointment as Medical Visitor or as Legal Visitor being appointed as deputy for a Medical Visitor or, as the case may be, a Legal Visitor.
- (5) The Lord Chancellor may, with the concurrence of the Treasury as to numbers, appoint persons to be clerks and other officers of the Lord Chancellor's Visitors.