

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1949

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An Act to amend the law of Scotland relating to the probation of offenders, and the powers of courts under the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937; to abolish certain punishments and obsolete sanctions, and otherwise to reform existing methods and provide new methods of dealing with offenders; to alter the law relating to the proceedings of criminal courts in Scotland; to amend the False Oaths (Scotland) Act 1933; to regulate the management of prisons and other institutions in Scotland and the treatment of offenders and other persons committed to custody; to make certain consequential amendments to the Criminal Justice Act 1948; and for purposes connected with the aforesaid matters. [16th December 1949]

PART I

POWERS AND PROCEEDINGS OF COURTS

1—20. ^{F1}.....

Textual AmendmentsF1Ss. 1–20 repealed by Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21), Sch. 10 Pt. I

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Textual AmendmentsF2Ss. 21, 75(3)(e) repealed by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 62, SIF 39:1), Sch. 8

22— ^{F3}......

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 22–41, 43–49 repealed by Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21), Sch. 10 Pt. I

42 Amendment of False Oaths (Scotland) Act, 1933.

- (1) Section two of the ^{M1}False Oaths (Scotland) Act 1933 (which penalises certain false statements) shall apply in like manner as it applies to the statements therein mentioned to any oral statement made for the purpose of any entry in a register kept in pursuance of any Act of Parliament.
- (2) Any proceedings under [^{F4}Part II of the ^{M2}Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975]for an offence against the ^{M3}False Oaths (Scotland) Act 1933 may, notwithstanding anything in the first mentioned Act, be commenced at any time within one year from the date of the commission of the offence, or within three months from the date when evidence sufficient in the opinion of the Lord Advocate to justify the proceedings comes to his knowledge whichever period last expires; and for the purposes of this subsection a certificate purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Lord Advocate as to the date on which such evidence as aforesaid came to his knowledge shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

Textual Amendments

F4 Words substituted by Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21), Sch. 9 para. 14

Marginal Citations

M11933 c. 20.M21975 c. 21.M31933 c. 20.

43— ^{F5}...... 49.

Textual AmendmentsF5Ss. 22–41, 43–49 repealed by Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21), Sch. 10 Pt. I

PART II

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS AND PROVISIONS AS TO TREATMENT OF PRISONERS, ETC.

50, 51. ^{F6}.....

Textual Amendments

F6 Ss. 50, 51 repealed by Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49), Sch. 9 Pt. I

52 ^{F7}.....

Textual Amendments

F7 S. 52 repealed by Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960 (c. 61), Sch. 5

Textual AmendmentsF8Ss. 53-62 repealed by Prisons (Scotland) Act 1952 (c. 61), Sch. 4

63— ^{F9}......**65**.

Textual AmendmentsF9Ss. 63-65 repealed by Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960 (c. 61), Sch. 5

Miscellaneous

66 ^{F10}.....

Textual Amendments

F10 S. 66 repealed by Prisons (Scotland) Act 1952 (c. 61), Sch. 4

67 ^{F11}.....

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 67 repealed by Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21), Sch. 10 Pt. I

68 Commutation of death sentence to sentence of imprisonment.

Where His Majesty pardons any person who has been sentenced to death on condition that he serves a term of imprisonment, that person shall be deemed to have been

sentenced by the court before which he was convicted to imprisonment for the said term.

69, **70**. ^{F12}.....

Textual Amendments F12 Ss. 69–73 repealed by Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49), Sch. 9 Pt. I

PART III

SUPPLEMENTAL

Textual Amendments

F13 Ss. 69–73 repealed by Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49), Sch. 9 Pt. I

74 Rules and orders.

- (1) Any power of the Secretary of State to make rules under this Act shall be exercised by statutory instrument.
- (3) Any power to make Orders in Council under this Act, and any power of the Secretary of State to make orders under this Act, shall include power to revoke or vary any such Order in Council or order by a subsequent Order in Council or order.

Textual Amendments

F14 S. 74(2) repealed by Prisons (Scotland) Act 1952 (c. 61), Sch. 4

75 Expenses and grants payable out of moneys provided by Parliament.

- (1) Any expenses of the Secretary of State under this Act and any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State—
 - (a) ... F_{15}
 - (b) in the conduct of research into the causes of delinquency and the treatment of offenders, and matters connected therewith,

shall, to such amount as may be sanctioned by the Treasury, be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament.

(2)...^{F16} any sums by which grants payable in pursuance of regulations made under subsection (1) of section sixty-six of the ^{M4}National Health Service (Scotland) Act

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1947 are increased by reason of any provision of this Act, shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament.

- (3) There shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament—
 - (a) ...^{F17}

 - (f) towards the expenditure of any body or person approved by the Secretary of State in the conduct of research into the causes of delinquency and the treatment of offenders, and matters connected therewith,

such sums as the Secretary of State may with the approval of the Treasury direct, and subject to such conditions as he may with the like approval determine:

Provided that the sums paid as aforesaid towards any such expenditure as is mentioned in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall not exceed fifty per cent. of that expenditure.

- (7) Any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under Part II of the ^{MS}Local Government Act 1948 shall be defrayed out of moneys so provided.
- (8) All sums received by the Secretary of State under this Act (including any sums so received under arrangements made with respect to the cost of removing and maintaining persons removed from the Isle of Man or Channel Islands to institutions in Scotland under section sixty-two of this Act) shall be paid into the Exchequer.

Textual Amendments

- **F15** S. 75(1)(*a*) repealed by Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49), Sch. 9 Pt. I
- F16 Words repealed by Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960 (c. 61), Sch. 5
- F17 S. 75(3)(a)-(d) repealed by Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49), Sch. 9 Pt. I
- F18 Ss. 21, 75(3)(e) repealed by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 62, SIF 39:1), Sch. 8
- F19 S. 75(4)–(6) repealed by Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49), Sch. 9 Pt. 1

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Reference in s. 75(2) to National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947 (c. 27) to be construed as reference to Superannuation Act 1972 (c. 11), s. 10 in its application to Scotland

Marginal Citations

M4 1947 c. 27.

M5 1948 c. 26.

76 Transitory provisions.

Without prejudice to the provisions of the ^{M6}Interpretation Act 1889 with respect to repeals, the transitory provisions set out in the Tenth Schedule to this Act shall have effect for the purposes of the transition to the provisions of this Act from the law in force before the commencement of this Act.

Marginal Citations M6 1889 c. 63.

77 Consequential and minor amendments.

The enactments mentioned in the first column of the Eleventh Schedule to this Act shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in the second column of that Schedule (being amendments consequential upon the foregoing provisions of this Act or relating to matters of minor detail).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 The text of s. 77 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

78 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say—

"Appropriate court" means a court named as such in pursuance of subsection (2) of section two of this Act or of the Second Schedule to this Act in a probation ... F20 order or in an amendment of any such order made on a change of residence of a probationer ... F20 ;

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"Child" means a person under the age of fourteen years;

"Court" does not include a court-martial;

"Enactment" includes an enactment contained in a local Act and any order, regulation or other instrument having effect by virtue of an Act;

"England" includes Wales;

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[^{F23} Local authority" has the same meaning as in the ^{M7}Social Work (Scotland Act 1968;

"Place of safety" has the same meaning as in the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968;]

"Probationer" means a person for the time being under supervision by virtue of a probation order;

"Probation order" has the meaning assigned to it by section two of this Act;

"Probation period" means the period for which a probationer is placed under supervision by a probation order;

"Remand" means an order adjourning the proceedings or continuing the case and giving direction as to detention in custody or liberation during the period of adjournment or continuation and references to remanding a person or remanding in custody or on bail shall be construed accordingly;

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"Sentence" includes an order for imprisonment pronounced by any court whether civil or criminal, an order for detention in a detention centre; . . . F^{20}

- (2) Any reference in this Act to a previous sentence of imprisonment shall be construed as including a reference to a previous sentence of penal servitude; any such reference to a previous sentence of Borstal training shall be construed as including a reference to a previous sentence of detention in a Borstal institution; and any such reference to a previous conviction or sentence shall be construed as a reference to a previous conviction by a court in any part of Great Britain and to a previous sentence passed by any such court.
- (3) Where the age of any person at any time is material for the purposes of any provision of this Act, or of any Order in Council made thereunder, regulating the powers of a court, his age at the material time shall be deemed to be or to have been that which appears to the court after considering any available evidence to be or to have been his age at that time.
- (4) References in this Act to an offence punishable with imprisonment shall be construed, in relation to any offender, without regard to any prohibition or restriction imposed by or under [^{F24}any enactment including]this Act upon the imprisonment of offenders of his age.
- (5) For the purposes of this Act, except subsection (8) of section two thereof, where a probation order has been made on appeal, the order shall be deemed to have been made by the court from which the appeal was brought.
- (6) References in this Act to any enactment shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as references to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment including this Act.
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Textual Amendments

- F20 Words repealed by Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49), Sch. 9 Pt. I
- F21 Definitions repealed by Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49), Sch. 9 Pt. I
- F22 Definitions repealed by Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (c. 65), Sch. 29
- F23 Definitions added by Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49), Sch. 8, para. 30
- F24 Words inserted by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1963 (c. 39), Sch. 5
- **F25** S. 78(7) repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1977 (c. 18), Sch. 1 Pt. IV

Marginal Citations

M7 1968 c. 49.

79 Short title, commencement, extent and repeals.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1949 and, save as otherwise expressly provided, shall extend to Scotland only.

Textual Amendments

F26 S. 79(2) repealed by Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21), Sch. 10 Pt. I

F27 S. 79(3) repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1977 (c. 18), Sch. 1 Pt. IV

F28F28FIRST SCHEDULE

Textual AmendmentsF28Sch. 1 repealed by Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49), Sch. 9 Pt. I

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F29F29SECOND SCHEDULE

Textual AmendmentsF29Sch. 2 repealed by Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21), Sch. 10 Pt. I

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F30F30THIRD SCHEDULE

Textual AmendmentsF30Sch. 3 repealed by Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49), Sch. 9 Pt. I

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^{F31F31}FORTH TO SIXTH SCHEDULES

Textual AmendmentsF31Schs. 4–6, 8, 9 repealed by Prisons (Scotland) Act 1952 (c. 61), Sch. 4

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F32F32SEVENTH SCHEDULE

Textual Amendments

F32 Sch. 7 repealed (31.3.1996) by 1995 c. 20, s. 117, Sch. 6 Pt. I para. 2, Sch. 7 Pt. I; S.I. 1996/517, art. 3(2)

^{F34F34}EIGHTH AND NINTH SCHEDULES

Textual Amendments F34 Schs. 4–6, 8, 9 repealed by Prisons (Scotland) Act 1952 (c. 61), ScOh. 4

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TENTH SCHEDULE

Section 76.

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

- 1 Where in any proceedings commenced before the date of the commencement of this Act no sentence, probation order, order discharging the offender absolutely or other order finally disposing of the case has been passed or made, the court shall have power to pass or make any sentence or order which it could have passed or made if the proceedings had been commenced after the said date.
- 2 (1) Any person who immediately before the commencement of this Act was undergoing or liable to undergo a term of penal servitude under a sentence passed by a court in any part of Great Britain or as a condition of a pardon granted by His Majesty for an offence for which he was sentenced to death, or in consequence of the forfeiture or revocation of a licence granted in any part of Great Britain under the Penal Servitude Acts 1853 to 1891 shall, if he is or ought to be in custody in Scotland at the commencement of this Act, be treated thereafter as if he had been sentenced to, or were undergoing or liable to undergo, imprisonment and not penal servitude for that term.
 - (2) Where any person who having been sentenced to penal servitude for life, or while undergoing penal servitude for life as a condition of a pardon granted as aforesaid, is at the commencement of this Act the holder of a licence granted under the Penal Servitude Acts 1853 to 1891, which has not been forfeited or revoked, he shall be deemed to have been released on licence under section fifty-seven of this Act.
 - (3) In the case of a person who is deemed by virtue of the last foregoing sub-paragraph to have been released on licence under section fifty-seven of this Act, the Secretary of State may, without recalling him to prison, substitute for the licence granted under the Penal Servitude Acts 1853 to 1891, a licence under the said section fifty-seven.

- (4) Where any person who having been sentenced to penal servitude for a term less than life is at the commencement of this Act the holder of a licence granted as aforesaid under the Penal Servitude Acts 1853 to 1891, which has not been forfeited or revoked, he shall be treated as if his sentence had expired.
- 3 Any person who has been sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for a term which has not expired at the commencement of this Act shall, for the remainder of that term, be treated as though he had been sentenced to imprisonment without hard labour; but nothing in this paragraph shall affect any disability or disqualification attaching to him by virtue of his sentence.
- 4 (1) Any person who is at the commencement of this Act detained in custody under a sentence of preventive detention shall for the remainder of the period for which he was sentenced to preventive detention be treated as if he had been sentenced to preventive detention under this Act; and the provisions of this Act relating to preventive detention shall apply to him accordingly.
 - (2) Where a person having been sentenced to a term of preventive detention is at the commencement of this Act absent from prison by virtue of a licence granted under section fourteen of the ^{M8}Prevention of Crime Act 1908 the provisions of Part II of that Act shall continue to apply to him; but if before the expiration of the term his licence is revoked or forfeited the said provisions shall cease to apply, and he shall for the remainder of the term be treated as if he had been sentenced to preventive detention under this Act; and the provisions of this Act relating to preventive detention shall apply to him accordingly.
 - (3) Where a person has been sentenced to penal servitude for a term which has not expired at the commencement of this Act, and is liable to undergo a period of preventive detention on the determination of the sentence of penal servitude, there shall be substituted for the sentence of preventive detention a sentence of preventive detention under this Act for a like period; and the provisions of this Act relating to preventive detention shall apply to that person accordingly.

Marginal Citations M8 1908 c. 59.

(1) Any person who, having been sentenced to detention in a Borstal institution, is or ought to be immediately before the commencement of this Act detained in Scotland in a Borstal institution, or in a prison awaiting removal to such an institution, or then holds a licence in force under section five of the Prevention of Crime Act 1908, or is under the supervision of the Secretary of State under section six of that Act, shall be deemed to have been sentenced to Borstal training under this Act, or to be under supervision under the Fourth Schedule to this Act; and in its application to him the said Fourth Schedule shall have effect as if for the references therein to three years there were substituted references to the term of the sentence of detention in a Borstal institution.

(2) Any person to whom Part I of the ^{M9}Prevention of Crime Act 1908 applied immediately before the commencement of this Act by reason of his transfer from a prison to a Borstal institution under section three of that Act shall be treated as if he were transferred under the provisions of this Act on the date of the commencement of this Act.

Marginal Citations M9 1908 c. 59.

- (1) Where at the commencement of this Act a person is subject to the supervision of the police pursuant to the direction of a court in Scotland given under section eight of the ^{M10}Prevention of Crimes Act 1871 the period for which he is under supervision shall expire at the end of twelve months from the commencement of this Act unless it shall have expired sooner.
 - (2) Any period of supervision as aforesaid exceeding twelve months which has not begun before the commencement of this Act shall by virtue of this Act be reduced to twelve months.
 - (3) The Secretary of State may substitute for any such direction, the period of supervision under which has not expired at the commencement of this Act, an order that the person subject to supervision under the direction shall, during the remainder of the period for which he would be liable to such supervision, be subject to the provisions of section twenty-two of this Act.

Marginal Citations	
M10 1871 c. 112.	

- (1) Any probation order made under the ^{MII}Probation of Offenders Act 1907 by virtue of which a person is under supervision at the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been made under this Act:
 Provided that where any requirement as to residence in such an order has been in operation for more than six months the probation officer shall apply to the court for a review of the requirement for the purpose of considering whether the requirement has been in operation for more than twelve months the probation officer shall report the case to the court with a view to an order terminating the requirement.
 - (2) Any order made by the Secretary of State under paragraph (ii) of subsection (1) of section two of the ^{M12}Probation of Offenders (Scotland) Act 1931 for the combination or division of areas shall have effect as if made under the Third Schedule to this Act.
 - (3) The members of a probation committee appointed for any area in accordance with rules under section three of the aforesaid Act of 1931 holding office at the commencement of this Act shall, pending an appointment of a committee under paragraph 2 of the Third Schedule to this Act be deemed to be the probation committee for that area under this Act and the salaried probation officers appointed

under the said Act for any area and holding office at the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been appointed under paragraph 3 of the said Schedule.

 Marginal Citations

 M11
 1907 c. 17.

 M12
 1931 c. 30.

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For the purposes of this Act—

- (a) prison rules made under any enactment repealed by this Act and regulations made under section four of the ^{M13}Prevention of Crime Act 1908 shall be deemed to have been made under section fifty-three of this Act; and
- (b) rules made under the ^{M14}Probation of Offenders Act 1907 or the ^{M15}Probation of Offenders (Scotland) Act 1931 shall be deemed to have been made under paragraph 7 of the Third Schedule to this Act.

Marginal Citations M13 1908 c. 59. M14 1907 c. 17.

M15 1931 c. 30.

In relation to any person who—

- (a) having been sentenced to a term of preventive detention is at the commencement of this Act absent from prison by virtue of a licence granted under section fourteen of the ^{M16}Prevention of Crime Act 1908; or
- (b) is at the commencement of this Act subject to the supervision of the police pursuant to the direction of any court under section eight of the ^{M17}Prevention of Crimes Act 1871,

the provisions of section twenty-one of the ^{M18}Firearms Act 1937 shall have effect as originally enacted and not as amended by this Act.

Marginal Citations

- M16 1908 c. 59.
- **M17** 1871 c. 112.
- **M18** 1937 c. 12.

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ELEVENTH SCHEDULE

Section 77.

CONSEQUENTIAL AND MINOR AMENDMENTS.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 The text of Sch. 11 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and, except as specified, does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Act to be Amended.	Amendment.
F35	F35
F36	F36
F37	F37
F38	F38
F37	F37
F39	F39
The Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937. 1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6. c. 37.	F36
	In section sixty-two, in paragraph (<i>a</i>) of the proviso the words "undergoing detention in a Borstal Institution or was" shall cease to have effect and at the end of the proviso there shall be added the following paragraph—
	"(c) in the case of a person who was undergoing detention in a Borstal institution, than the end of the period for which he would have been liable to be detained therein."
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 F40	 F40
F41	F41
The Criminal Justice Act, 1948. 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 58.	 F42

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In the Eighth Schedule, after subparagraph (2) of paragraph I, there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—

"(2a) In the case of a person who is deemed by virtue of the last foregoing sub-paragraph to have been released on licence under section fifty-seven of this Act, the Secretary of State may, without recalling him to prison, substitute for the licence granted under the Penal Servitude Acts, 1853 to 1891, a licence under the said section fifty-seven."

Textual Amendments

- **F35** Entry relating to Prisons (Scotland) Act 1877 repealed by Prisons (Scotland) Act 1952 (c. 61), s. 43(2), Sch. 4
- F36 Entries relating to Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1887 and Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 (other than s. 62 thereof) repealed by Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21), s. 461(2), Sch. 10 Pt. I
- **F37** By Summary Juristiction Scotland Act 1954 (c. 48), s. 78(1), Sch. 4, it is provided that entries relating to Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland) Act 1908 or Criminal Justice Administration Act 1914 are repealed.
- F38 Entry relating to Mental Deficiency and Lunacy (Scotland) Act 1913 repealed by Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960, (c. 61), s. 113(2), Sch. 5
- F39 Entry relating to Firearms Act 1937 repealed by Firearms Act 1968 (c. 27), s. 59(1), Sch. 7
- F40 Entry relating to National Service Act 1947 repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1977 (c. 18), s. 1(1),
 Sch. 1 Pt. IV
- F41 Entry relating to Police Pensions Act 1948 repealed by Police Pensions Act 1976 (c. 35), s. 13(2), Sch. 3
- F42 Entry relating to s. 9 Criminal Justice Act 1948 repealed by Powers of Criminal Court Act 1973 (c. 62), s. 56(2), Sch. 6
- **F43** Entry relating to s. 23 Criminal Justice Act 1948 repealed by Criminal Justice Act 1967 (c. 80), ss. 103(2), 106(2), Sch. 7 Pts. I, **II**
- **F44** Entry relating to ss. 52, 57, 61, 65, of the Criminal Justice Act 1948 repealed by Prison Act 1952 (c. 52), ss. 54(2), 55(3), **Sch. 4**, Pt. II

F45F45TWELFTH SCHEDULE

Textual Amendments

F45 Sch. 12 repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1977 (c. 18), Sch. 1 Pt. IV

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