



# Sheriffs Act 1887

## CHAPTER 55

### SHERIFFS ACT 1887

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- 3 Annual appointment of sheriff and duration of office
- 4 Qualification of sheriffs
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- 11 Duties on receipt of debt to Crown
- 12 Duties as to return of jurors
- 13 Duties as to execution of judgment of death
- 14 Duties on arrest of civil debtors
- 15 Liability for wrongful imprisonment
- 16 Liability for escape
- 17 Disability to act as justice of the peace
- 18 Holding of courts
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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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*Accounts*

- 21 Transmission of accounts of sheriff
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