### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1983 No. 675 (L. 12)

## **MAGISTRATES' COURTS**

# The Juvenile Courts (Constitution) (Amendment) Rules 1983

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Coming into Operation 13th June 1983

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 144 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980(a), as extended by section 146 of that Act, after consultation with the Rule Committee appointed under the said section 144, hereby makes the following Rules:—

- 1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Juvenile Courts (Constitution) (Amendment) Rules 1983 and shall come into operation on 13th June 1983.
- (2) In these Rules "the principal Rules" means the Juvenile Courts (Constitution) Rules 1954(b).
  - 2. Rule 8 of the principal Rules shall be omitted.
  - 3. In rule 13 of the principal Rules:—
    - (a) for the words "paragraph (2)" in paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the words "paragraphs (1A) and (2)"; and
    - (b) after paragraph (1) there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—
      "(1A) If at any sitting of a juvenile court the chairman or a deputy chairman is available but considers that it would be appropriate for another member of the court to act as chairman at that sitting, he may nominate that member to act as chairman at the sitting provided that the chairman or a deputy chairman sits as a member of the court throughout the sitting.".

Hailsham of St. Marylebone. C.

Dated 26th April 1983.

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Juvenile Courts (Constitution) Rules 1954. Rule 2 removes the requirement that a justices' clerk for a petty sessions area must notify the Secretary of State whenever a juvenile court panel has been appointed. Rule 3 makes provision for the chairman or a deputy chairman of a juvenile court panel to nominate another member of the panel to act as chairman at any sitting of the court provided that the chairman or a deputy chairman sits as a member of the court throughout the sitting.

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