
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 576

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE,
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Petty Sessions Areas (Divisions and
Names) (Amendment) Regulations 1996**

Made - - - - *5th March 1996*
Coming into force - - *1st April 1996*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 24 and 24B of the Justices of the Peace Act 1979⁽¹⁾, and now vested in him⁽²⁾, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Petty Sessions Areas (Divisions and Names) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 1st April 1996.

(2) In these Regulations, a regulation referred to by number means the regulation so numbered in the Petty Sessions Areas (Divisions and Names) Regulations 1988⁽³⁾.

2. In the definition of “committee” in regulation 1, the following shall be substituted for the words from “a non-metropolitan county” to the end:—

“an area not falling within the inner London area or the City of London”.

3. The following shall be substituted for regulation 5(1)(a):—

“(a) sent to the clerk to every council required to be consulted by section 24(1)(a) (or, as the case may be, section 24B(1)(a)) of the Act, the clerk to the justices for any existing petty sessional division in the area and, in the case of a draft order, the clerk to any interested authority;”.

4. The following shall be substituted for regulation 7(a):—

“(a) where the objection is made by the committee, any council required to be consulted by section 24(1)(a) (or, as the case may be, section 24B(1)(a)) of the Act, the magistrates of an existing petty sessional division in the area or an interested authority, within one month of the date when a copy of the Lord Chancellor’s proposals is sent to the objector;”.

(1) 1979 c. 55. Section 24 was amended by section 12 of the Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51), and section 24B was inserted by section 164 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33); both sections were amended by S.I. 1992/709 and Schedule 8 to the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 (c. 29). For the definition of “prescribed” see section 70.

(2) S.I. 1992/709.

(3) S.I. 1988/1698, as amended by S.I. 1992/709.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

Dated 5th March 1996

Mackay of Clashfern, C.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Petty Sessions Areas (Divisions and Names) Regulations 1988 in consequence of amendments to sections 24 and 24B of the Justices of the Peace Act 1979 effected by the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994, the Local Government Changes for England (Magistrates' Courts) Regulations 1996 and the Magistrates' Courts (Wales) (Consequences of Local Government Changes) Order 1996. The effects of the amendments are:

- (a) to apply the regulations to all magistrates' courts committees outside inner London and the City of London, whether or not the areas of those committees coincide with those of local authorities;
- (b) to allow for objections from local authorities whose areas include any part of the committee area or petty sessions area to which proposals under those sections relate.