



Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

PART X

JUDICIAL AND RELATED MATTERS

216 Adaptation of law relating to old counties.

- (1) For the purposes of commissions of the peace and the law relating to justices of the peace, magistrates' courts, the custos rotulorum, lieutenants, sheriffs and matters connected with any of those matters, new counties shall, without prejudice to section 179(1) above, be substituted for counties of any other description.
- (2) For the purposes of this section and sections ^{F1} . . . , 218 and 219 below the Isles of Scilly shall be deemed to form part of the county of Cornwall.

Textual Amendments

F1 Section number repealed by [Justices of the Peace Act 1979 \(c. 55, SIF 82\)](#), s. 71, [Sch. 3](#)

- 217** ^{F2}(1)
- ^{F3}(4)
- ^{F2}(5)
- ^{F3}(6)
- ^{F4}(7)

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 217(1)–(3)(5) repealed by [Justices of the Peace Act 1979 \(c. 55, SIF 82\)](#), s. 71, [Sch. 3](#)

F3 S. 217(4)(6) repealed by [Administration of Justice Act 1973 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 20(5), [Sch. 5 Pt. II](#)

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F4 S. 217(7) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\), s. 1\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. IV](#)

F5 **218**

Textual Amendments
F5 S. 218 repealed by [Reserve Forces Act 1980 \(c. 9, SIF 7:2\), s. 157, Sch. 10 Pt. II](#)

219 Sheriffs and under-sheriffs.

(1) Sheriffs appointed for a county or Greater London shall be known as high sheriffs, and any reference in any enactment or instrument to a sheriff shall be construed accordingly in relation to sheriffs for a county or Greater London.

F6(2)

(3) The rights of Her Majesty in right of the Duchy of Lancaster in relation to the appointment of high sheriffs shall apply throughout the whole of the counties of Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Lancashire ^{F7} . . .

(4) The Lord Chancellor may by order prescribe the area for which each under-sheriff is to act.

(5) Where the area for which an under-sheriff acts is situated in two or more counties, the duty imposed by section 23 of the ^{M1}Sheriffs Act 1887 of appointing the under-sheriff for that area shall be discharged by the high sheriff of the county containing the greater part of that area, after consulting any other high sheriff concerned, and if any question arises as to which county contains the greater part of an under-sheriff’s area, it shall be determined by the Lord Chancellor.

References in this subsection to a county include references both to Greater London and to the City (including the Temples).

(6) An under-sheriff shall as respects the area for which he acts be treated as the high sheriff’s deputy for the purpose of all the high sheriff’s functions, except his functions as returning officer at parliamentary elections.

(7) No privileges or duties of a sheriff shall be exercisable ^{F8} . . . by the bailiff of a franchise.

(8) In this section [^{F9}“county” has the same meaning as in the Sheriffs Act 1887 and]“Greater London” does not include the City or the Temples.

[^{F10}(9) In subsections (1) and (5) above “county”, in relation to Wales, means a preserved county.]

Textual Amendments
F6 S. 219(2) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. X Gp. 1.](#)
F7 Words in s. 219(3) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. X Gp. 1.](#)
F8 Words in s. 219(7) repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\), s. 1\(1\), {Sch. 1 Pt. 10 Group 1}](#)
F9 Words in s. 219(8) inserted (1.4.1996) by [S.I. 1995/1748, regs. 1\(2\), 8\(2\)](#)

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F10 S. 219(9) added (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 1(3), **Sch. 2 para. 6** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1995/3198, art. 3, **Sch. 1**

Marginal Citations

M1 1887 c. 55.

F11 **220**

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 220 repealed by **Coroners Act 1988** (c. 13, SIF 33), ss. 33, 36(2), **Sch. 4**

221 Abolition of borough civil courts.

F12

Textual Amendments

F12 S. 221 repealed (22.7.2004) by **Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004** (c. 14), s. **1(1)**, {Sch. 1 Pt. 10 Group 1}

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 80(3B) omitted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 101(6ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 2](#)
- s. 123(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 75](#)
- s. 131(2)(n) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 16](#)