



# Criminal Justice Act 1967

## 1967 CHAPTER 80

### PART I

#### CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, ETC.

##### *Miscellaneous provisions as to evidence, procedure and trial*

#### **17 Entry of verdict of not guilty by order of a judge.**

Where a defendant arraigned on an indictment or inquisition pleads not guilty and the prosecutor proposes to offer no evidence against him, the court before which the defendant is arraigned may, if it thinks fit, order that a verdict of not guilty shall be recorded without [<sup>F1</sup>any further steps being taken in the proceedings], and the verdict shall have the same effect as if the defendant had been tried and acquitted on the verdict of a jury [<sup>F2</sup>or a court].

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 17 substituted (24.7.2006 for E.W., 8.1.2007 in so far as not already in force) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\), s. 336\(3\)\(4\), Sch. 36 para. 42\(a\)](#); S.I. 2006/1835, art. 2(h); S.I. 2006/3422, art. 2(c)(i)
- F2** Words in s. 17 inserted (24.7.2006 for E.W., 8.1.2007 in so far as not already in force) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\), s. 336\(3\)\(4\), Sch. 36 para. 42\(b\)](#); S.I. 2006/1835, art. 2(h); S.I. 2006/3422, art. 2(c)(i)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Criminal Justice Act 1967, Section 17.