



# Courts Act 1971

## 1971 CHAPTER 23

### PART IV

#### OFFICERS AND ACCOMMODATION

##### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Pt. 4 functions transferred (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887, arts. 1(2), 4, Sch. 1

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>26 Masters and registrars to be appointed by Lord Chancellor.**

- (1) On and after the appointed day the following officers shall be appointed by the Lord Chancellor, with the concurrence of the Minister for the Civil Service as to numbers and salaries,—
  - (a) the masters, assistant masters and registrars specified in Part I of Schedule 3 to the <sup>M1</sup>Judicature Act 1925, other than the Master of the Court of Protection (for whose appointment by the Lord Chancellor provision is made by section 100 of the <sup>M2</sup>Mental Health Act 1959);
  - (b) the Queen's coroner and attorney and master of the Crown Office;
  - (c) the registrar, assistant registrars and deputy assistant registrars of criminal appeals;
  - (d) the admiralty registrar;
  - (e) chancery registrars and assistant chancery registrars; and
  - (f) district probate registrars.
- (2) The person appointed to the office of Queen's coroner and attorney and master of the Crown Office shall, by virtue of his appointment, be a master of the Supreme Court (Queen's Bench Division).
- (3) In section 122 of the Judicature Act 1925 (which relates to certain additional duties of the senior master of the Queen's Bench Division) for the words "The senior master" there shall be substituted the words "The Lord Chancellor shall appoint one of the

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masters” and after the word “Division)”there shall be inserted the words “to be the senior master and the person so appointed”.

- (4) In section 128A of the Judicature Act 1925 (which relates to the office of district probate registrar) for any reference in subsection (2) or subsection (3) to the President of the family dvision thre shall be substituted a reference to the Lord Chancellor.]

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Ss. 25, 26 repealed (E.W.) by Supreme Court Act 1981 (c. 54, SIF 37), s. 152(4), **Sch. 7**

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**C2** The text of ss. 26(3)(4), 51(2), 53(5) and 56(4) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1925 c. 49.  
**M2** 1959 c. 72.

**27 Administrative and other court staff.**

**F2** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F2** S. 27 repealed (1.4.2005) by Courts Act 2003 (c. 39), ss. 109(1)(3), 110, Sch. 8 para. 139(a), **Sch. 10**; S.I. 2005/910, **art. 3(y)(aa)** and s. 27(9) amended (with effect only until the aforementioned repeal comes fully into force in accordance with Sch. 4 para. 361 of the amending Act) by 2005 c. 4, ss. 15(1), 148(1), **Sch. 4 para. 366**; S.I. 2006/1014, **arts. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(cc)

**28 Provision of accommodation.**

**F3** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F3** S. 28 repealed (1.4.2005) by Courts Act 2003 (c. 29), ss. 109(1)(3), 110, Sch. 8 para. 139(b), **Sch. 10**; S.I. 2005/910, **art. 3(y)(aa)**

**29 Accommodation in City of London.**

- (1) The courthouse and accommodation which up to the appointed day have been respectively known as the Central Criminal Court and the Mayor’s and City of London Court shall continue to be known by those names, and it shall be the duty of the Common Council of the City of London (in this section referred to as “the Common Council”) to continue to make the said premises available for use for the sittings and business of those courts respectively.

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- (2) The Common Council shall not undertake any alteration or extension of the buildings or accommodation which they are to make available for the purpose of the said courts, or provide further accommodation for that purpose, without the consent of the [<sup>F4</sup>Secretary of State]<sup>F4</sup>.
- (3) The duties imposed by this section on the Common Council may at any time be varied, restricted or terminated by agreement between the [<sup>F4</sup>Secretary of State]<sup>F4</sup> and the Common Council.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F4** Words in s. 29 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), arts. 1(2), 9, **Sch. 2 para. 2(1)**

**30 Advisory committees.**

The [<sup>F5</sup>Secretary of State]<sup>F5</sup> may constitute, on a permanent or temporary basis, one or more advisory committees to advise him on such questions relating to the [<sup>F6</sup>Senior Courts]<sup>F6</sup> and [<sup>F7</sup>the county court] as he may from time to time refer to them, and shall appoint the members of any such committee with regard to their knowledge of the work of the courts and social conditions.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F5** Words in s. 30 substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), arts. 1(2), 9, **Sch. 2 para. 2(1)**
- F6** Words in s. 30 substituted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 59, 148, **Sch. 11 para. 4**; S.I. 2009/1604, **art. 2(b)(d)**
- F7** Words in s. 30 substituted (22.4.2014) by Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), s. 61(3), **Sch. 9 para. 74**; S.I. 2014/954, **art. 2(c)** (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)

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