



Courts Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 23

PART III

JUDGES

16 Appointment of Circuit Judges.

- (1) Her Majesty may from time to time appoint as Circuit judges, to serve in the Crown Court and county courts and to carry out such other judicial functions as may be conferred on them under this or any other enactment, such qualified persons as may be recommended to Her by the Lord Chancellor.
- (2) The maximum number of Circuit judges shall be such as may be determined from time to time by the Lord Chancellor with the concurrence of the Minister for the Civil Service.
- (3) No person shall be qualified to be appointed a Circuit judge ^[F1]unless—
 - ^[F2](a) he satisfies the judicial-appointment eligibility condition on a 7-year basis;
 - (b) he is a Recorder; or
 - (c) he has held as a full-time appointment for at least 3 years one of the offices listed in Part IA of Schedule 2.]
- (4) Before recommending any person to Her Majesty for appointment as a Circuit judge, the Lord Chancellor shall take steps to satisfy himself that that person's health is satisfactory.
- (5) The provisions of Part I of Schedule 2 to this Act shall have effect with respect to the appointment as Circuit judges of the holders of certain judicial offices, and the supplementary provisions in Part II of that Schedule shall have effect.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 16(3)(a)–(c) substituted by [Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 \(c. 41, SIF 37\)](#), s. 71(2), [Sch. 10 para. 31\(1\)](#)

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F2 S. 16(3)(a) substituted (21.7.2008) by [Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(c. 15\)](#), ss. 50, 148, [Sch. 10 para. 9\(2\)](#); S.I. 2008/1653, [art. 2\(d\)](#) (with arts. 3, 4)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 16(3)(c) modified by [Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 \(c. 41, SIF 37, 76:1\)](#), s. 125(6), [Sch. 19 para. 5](#)

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