



Courts Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 23

PART III

JUDGES

17 Retirement, removal and disqualifications of Circuit judge.

[^{F1}(1) Subject to subsection (4) below ^{F2}... a Circuit judge shall vacate his office on the day on which he attains the age of [^{F3}75].]

^{F4}(2)

^{F4}(3)

(4) The Lord Chancellor may, if he thinks fit [^{F5}and if the Lord Chief Justice agrees], remove a Circuit judge from office on the ground of incapacity or misbehaviour.

^{F6}(5)

^{F7}(6)

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 17(1) substituted (31.3.1995) by 1993 c. 8, s. 26, **Sch. 6 para. 8(2)**; S.I. 1995/631, **art. 2**
- F2** Words in s. 17(1) omitted (10.3.2022) by virtue of Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022 (c. 7), s. 131(1)(4)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 11(2)(a)** (with Sch. 1 para. 43)
- F3** Word in s. 17(1) substituted (10.3.2022) by Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022 (c. 7), s. 131(1)(4)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 11(2)(b)** (with Sch. 1 para. 43)
- F4** S. 17(2)(3) repealed (31.3.1995) by 1993 c. 8, s. 26, Sch. 6 para. 8(3)(4), **Sch. 9**; S.I. 1995/631, **art. 2**
- F5** Words in s. 17(4) inserted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 15, 148, **Sch. 4 para. 68**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(e)
- F6** S. 17(5) repealed by House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24), **Sch. 3** and Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 25), **Sch. 3 Pt. I**
- F7** S. 17(6) repealed by Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41, SIF 76:1), s. 125(7), **Sch. 20**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Courts Act 1971, Section 17.