



Senior Courts Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 54

PART I

CONSTITUTION OF [F¹SENIOR COURTS]

The High Court

7 Power to alter Divisions or transfer certain courts to different Divisions.

- (1) Her Majesty may from time to time, on a recommendation of [F¹the Lord Chancellor and] the judges mentioned in subsection (2), by Order in Council direct that—
 - (a) any increase or reduction in the number of Divisions of the High Court; or
 - (b) the transfer of any of the courts mentioned in section 6(1) to a different Division,be carried into effect in pursuance of the recommendation.
- (2) Those judges are ^{F2}. . . the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, [F³the President of the Queen's Bench Division, the President of the Family Division and the Chancellor of the High Court]
- (3) An Order in Council under this section may include such incidental, supplementary or consequential provisions as appear to Her Majesty necessary or expedient, including amendments of provisions referring to particular Divisions contained in this Act or any other statutory provision.
- (4) Any Order in Council under this section shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 7(1) inserted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 15, 148, **Sch. 4 para. 120(2)**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(k)

F2 Words in s. 7(2) repealed (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 15, 146, 148, Sch. 4 para. 120(3)(a), **Sch. 18 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 paras. 11(k), 30(b)

Changes to legislation: Senior Courts Act 1981, Section 7 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) [View outstanding changes](#)

F3 Words in s. 7(2) substituted (1.10.2005) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 15, 148, **Sch. 4 para. 120(3)(b)**; S.I. 2005/2505, **art. 2(c)**

Changes to legislation:

Senior Courts Act 1981, Section 7 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

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

- s. 31(3)(a) word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 31(3)(a) word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 31(3)(b) and word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 31(3)(b) and word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 31(3A)(3B) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(2\)](#)
- s. 31(3A)(3B) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(2\)](#)