



# Criminal Justice Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 33

### <sup>F1F1</sup>PART II

#### DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

#### 27 **Proof of statements contained in documents.**

Where a statement contained in a document is admissible as evidence in criminal proceedings, it may be proved—

- (a) by the production of that document; or
- (b) (whether or not that document is still in existence) by the production of a copy of that document, or of the material part of it,

authenticated in such manner as the court may approve; and it is immaterial for the purposes of this subsection how many removes there are between a copy and the original.

<sup>F1F2</sup>[ . . . . ]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 27 inserted (4.7.1996 with effect as mentioned in [Sch. 1 Pt. III para. 39](#) of the amending Act) by [1996 c. 25, s. 47](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 31](#), [Pt. III para. 39](#) (with [s. 78\(1\)](#)); [S.I. 1997/683, art. 1\(2\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 27 repealed (18.6.2012 for specified purposes, 5.11.2012 for specified purposes, 28.5.2013 for specified purposes) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\), s. 336\(3\)\(4\)](#), [Sch. 3 para. 60\(5\)](#), [Sch. 37 Pt. 4](#); [S.I. 2012/1320, art. 4\(1\)\(c\)\(d\)\(2\)\(3\)](#) (with [art. 5](#)) (see [S.I. 2012/2574, art. 4\(2\)](#) and [S.I. 2013/1103, art. 4](#)); [S.I. 2012/2574, art. 2\(2\)\(3\)\(c\)\(d\)](#), [Sch.](#) (with [arts. 3, 4](#)) (as amended (4.11.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2761, art. 2](#)) (with [S.I. 2013/1103, art. 4](#)); [S.I. 2013/1103, art. 2\(1\)\(c\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

Criminal Justice Act 1988, Section 27 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 25 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.

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**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. 36(2)(b)(v) and word inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 13\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 36(3A)(3B) substituted for s. 36(3A) by [2008 c. 4 s. 46\(2\)](#)
- s. 41(4A) inserted by [2004 c. 28 Sch. 10 para. 28](#)
- s. 139AZA(1)(a)(iii) and word inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 13\(4\)\(b\)](#)