



# Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994

## CHAPTER 29

### POLICE AND MAGISTRATES' COURTS ACT 1994

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#### CHAPTER I

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- 51 Chief constables' annual reports.
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- 1 In section 2 of the Local Government (Records) Act 1962...
- 2 In section 8 of that Act (interpretation), in subsection (1),...

*Local Government Act 1966*

- 3 In section 11 of the Local Government Act 1966 (grants...

*Local Government Grants (Social Need) Act 1969*

- 4 In section 1 of the Local Government Grants (Social Need)...

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*Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970*

- 5 In section 1 of the Local Authorities (Goods and Services)...

*Local Government Act 1972*

- 6 .....  
7 In section 98 of that Act, in subsection (1A) (application...  
8 In section 99 of that Act (meetings and proceedings of...  
9 (1) Section 100J of that Act (application to joint authorities...  
10 (1) Section 107 of that Act (application to police authorities...  
11 (1) Section 146A of that Act (application to police authorities...  
12 In section 223 of that Act (appearance of local authorities...  
13 In section 228 of that Act (inspection of documents), in...  
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15 (1) Schedule 12 to that Act (meetings and proceedings of...

*Local Government Act 1974*

- 16 In section 25 of the Local Government Act 1974 (authorities...

*Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976*

- 17 In section 30 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions)  
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18 In section 44 of that Act (interpretation), in subsection (1),...

*Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980*

- 19 In section 2 of the Local Government, Planning and Land...  
20 In section 20 of that Act (interpretation of provisions relating...  
21 In section 99 of that Act (directions to dispose of...  
22 In Schedule 16 to that Act (bodies to whom provisions...

*Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982*

- 23 In section 33 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions)  
Act...  
24 In section 41 of that Act (lost and uncollected property),...

*Local Government Finance Act 1982*

- 25 .....  
26 .....  
27 .....  
28 .....

*Local Government Act 1986*

- 29 In section 6 of the Local Government Act 1986 (interpretation...  
30 In section 9 of that Act (interpretation of provisions relating...

*Local Government Act 1988*

- 31 In section 1 of the Local Government Act 1988 (defined...  
32 In Schedule 2 to that Act, in the list of...

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*Local Government Finance Act 1988*

- 33 In section 112 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988...  
 34 In section 114 of that Act (functions of the chief...

*Local Government and Housing Act 1989*

- 35 In section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act...  
 36 In section 13 of that Act (voting rights of members...  
 37 In section 18 of that Act (allowances for local authority...  
 38 In section 21 of that Act, in subsection (1) (definition...  
 39 In section 67 of that Act (application of provisions relating...  
 40 .....  
 41 In section 152 of that Act (interpretation etc. of provision...  
 42 In section 155 of that Act (emergency assistance to local...  
 43 In section 157 of that Act (commutation of, and interest...  
 44 In Schedule 1 to that Act (political balance on local...

*Local Government Finance Act 1992*

- 45 In section 19 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992...  
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*Trustee Investments Act 1961*

- 46 In section 11 of the Trustee Investments Act 1961 (local...  
 47 In Part II of Schedule 1 to that Act (list...

*Leasehold Reform Act 1967*

- 48 In section 28 of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 (retention...

*Post Office Act 1969*

- 49 .....

*Employment Agencies Act 1973*

- 50 In section 13 of the Employment Agencies Act 1973, in...

*Race Relations Act 1976*

- 51 .....

*Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976*

- 52 In section 5 of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976 (no...

*Rent Act 1977*

- 53 In section 14 of the Rent Act 1977 (landlord's interest...

*Justices of the Peace Act 1979*

- 54 .....

*Acquisition of Land Act 1981*

- 55 In section 17 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981...

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*Stock Transfer Act 1982*

56 In Schedule 1 to the Stock Transfer Act 1982 (securities...

*County Courts Act 1984*

57 In section 60 of the County Courts Act 1984 (right...

*Housing Act 1985*

58 In section 4 of the Housing Act 1985 (interpretation), in...

*Housing Associations Act 1985*

59 In section 106 of the Housing Associations Act 1985 (minor...

*Landlord and Tenant Act 1985*

60 In section 38 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985...

*Landlord And Tenant Act 1987*

61 In section 58 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987,...

*Housing Act 1988*

62 In Schedule 1 to the Housing Act 1988 (tenancies which...

*Town and Country Planning Act 1990*

63 In section 252 of the Town and Country Planning Act...

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- 2 (1) Section 13 (collaboration agreements) shall be amended as follows....
- 3 In section 17(1) (appointment of police cadets) the words "and...
- 4 In section 19(3) (jurisdiction of special constables) after the words...
- 5 In section 25, subsection (5) (five representatives of Cambridge University...
- 6 In section 28 (general duty of Secretary of State) after...
- 7 (1) Section 29 (removal of chief constables etc.) shall be...
- 8 (1) Section 30 (reports by chief constables to the Secretary...
- 9 In section 42 (research) after the word "efficiency" there shall...
- 10 (1) Section 43 (central service on police duties) shall be...
- 11 (1) Section 44 (Police Federations) shall be amended as follows....
- 12 In section 53 (causing disaffection) in subsection (1) the words...
- 13 In section 56 (metropolitan and City of London police funds)...
- 14 (1) Section 58 (chief officers affected by amalgamations or local...
- 15 For section 62 (meaning of "police area" etc.) there shall...

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16 .....

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*Pensions (Increase) Act 1971*

17 In Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 (list...

*Overseas Pensions Act 1973*

18 In section 2 of the Overseas Pensions Act 1973 (which...

*Police Pensions Act 1976*

19 In section 7 of the Police Pensions Act 1976 (payment...  
20 (1) Section 11 of that Act (interpretation) shall be amended...

*Police Negotiating Board Act 1980*

21 .....

*Finance Act 1981*

22 .....

*Aviation Security Act 1982*

23 In section 31 of the Aviation Security Act 1982 (application...

*Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984*

24 In section 84 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act...  
25 .....  
26 .....  
27 .....  
28 .....  
29 .....  
30 .....  
31 .....  
32 .....  
33 .....  
34 .....  
35 (1) Section 107 of that Act (police officers performing duties...  
36 .....

*Public Order Act 1986*

37 In section 15 of the Public Order Act 1986 (delegation...

*Channel Tunnel Act 1987*

38 (1) Section 14 of the Channel Tunnel Act 1987 (arrangements...

*Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992*

39 In section 7 of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992...  
40 (1) Schedule 1 to that Act (tribunals under general supervision...

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- 2 (1) Section 17 (chairman and deputy chairmen of justices) shall...
- 3 In section 18 (rules as to chairmanship and size of...
- 4 (1) Section 19 (general provisions as to magistrates' courts committees)...
- 5 In section 22 (supplementary provisions as to magistrates' courts committees),...
- 6 (1) Section 23 (powers and duties of committee as to...
- 7 (1) Section 24 (procedure relating to section 23) shall be...
- 8 (1) Section 24A (alteration of names of petty sessions areas...
- 9 In section 24B (procedure relating to section 24A), for the...
- 10 (1) Section 26 (qualifications for appointment as justices' clerk) shall...
- 11 (1) Section 27 (conditions of service and staff of justices'...
- 12 In section 28 (general powers and duties of justices' clerks),...
- 13 In section 30 (person acting as substitute clerk to justices),...
- 14 In section 32 (allocation and sittings of metropolitan stipendiary magistrates),...
- 15 After section 34A of the 1979 Act there shall be...
- 16 Section 36 (petty sessional divisions in inner London area) and...
- 17 In section 42 (no petty sessional divisions in the City)...
- 18 (1) Section 53 (indemnification of justices and justices' clerks) shall...
- 19 (1) Section 59 (grants by Lord Chancellor to responsible authorities)...
- 20 In section 62 (defaults of justices' clerks and their staffs),...
- 21 In section 63 (courses of instruction), in subsection (5), for...
- 22 In section 70 (interpretation), for the definition of "magistrate" there...
- 23 In Schedule 1, in paragraph 17 (saving for superannuation provisions),...

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#### *London Building Acts (Amendment) Act 1939*

24 .....

#### *Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1967*

25 .....

#### *Pensions (Increase) Act 1971*

- 26 In Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 (list...
- 27 In Schedule 6 to that Act (employments relevant to section...

#### *Juries Act 1974*

- 28 In Schedule 1 to the Juries Act 1974, in Group...

#### *Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978*

- 29 In section 30 of the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts...

#### *Magistrates' Courts Act 1980*

- 30 In section 70 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (jurisdiction...
- 31 In section 145 of that Act, subsection (1)(d) (by virtue...

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*Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988*

32 In section 82 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988...

*Criminal Justice Act 1991*

33 (1) Section 76 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 (provision...

34 In section 77 of that Act (powers and duties of...

*Local Government Finance Act 1992*

35 .....

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*Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland*

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 66-68 (Pt. 3) repealed by [1998 c. 32 Sch. 6](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 7 by [2000 c. 22 Sch. 6](#)