



Courts Act 2003

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Distress for Rent Act 1737 (c. 19)

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Sale of Farming Stock Act 1816 (c. 50)

5 In section 10 (indemnity to sheriff and others acting under...

Burial Ground Act 1816 (c. 141)

6 In section 2 (verification of value of land), omit “for...

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Inclosure and Drainage (Rates) Act 1833 (c. 35)

- 7 In section 1 (recovery of rates or assessments), omit “acting...
8 In section 2 (form of warrant or distress), omit “for...”

Judgments Act 1838 (c. 110)

- 9 In section 12 (sheriff may seize money, bank notes, etc.),...

Metropolitan Police Act 1839 (c. 47)

- 10 For section 75 (meaning of “magistrate”), substitute— Meaning of “magistrate”...

Ordnance Survey Act 1841 (c. 30)

- 11 In section 2 (dispute as to damage caused during survey)—...

Railway Regulation Act 1842 (c. 55)

- 12 (1) In section 17 (punishment of persons employed on railways...

Defence Act 1842 (c. 94)

- 13 (1) In section 24 (compensation for damage caused by temporary...

London Hackney Carriages Act 1843 (c. 86)

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Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 (c. 16)

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17 In section 33 (evidence as to forfeiture of shares), for...
18 Paragraphs 15 to 17 extend only to England and Wales....

Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 (c. 18)

- 19 (1) In section 3 (interpretation), omit the words from “The...

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- 20 In section 3 (interpretation), omit the words from “The word...
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Geological Survey Act 1845 (c. 63)

- 25 In section 1 (dispute as to damage caused during survey),...
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- 27 (1) In section 3 (interpretation), omit the words from “The...

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29 (1) In section 3 (interpretation), omit the words from “The...

Cemeteries Clauses Act 1847 (c. 65)

30 (1) In section 3 (interpretation), omit the words from “The...

Town Police Clauses Act 1847 (c. 89)

31 (1) In section 3 (interpretation), omit the words from “The...

Hares Act 1848 (c. 29)

32 In section 2 (registration of authorisation)— (a) for “clerk of...

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Ecclesiastical Courts Jurisdiction Act 1860 (c. 32)

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38 In section 3 (power to arrest offenders and take them...

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Defence Act 1860 (c. 112)

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Offences Against the Person Act 1861 (c. 100)

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Poaching Prevention Act 1862 (c. 114)

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Dockyard Ports Regulation Act 1865 (c. 125)

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- 50 In Schedule 2 (which sets out enactments continued in force...

Promissory Oaths Act 1871 (c. 48)

- 51 In section 2 (persons before whom oaths to be taken),...

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Commons Act 1876 (c. 56)

- 54 In section 20 (prohibition of gravel digging on certain commons...

Municipal Corporations Act 1882 (c. 50)

- 55 In section 153(3) (issue of warrant following failure by borough...

Explosive Substances Act 1883 (c. 3)

- 56 (1) In section 6(1) (inquiry into offences)—
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Sheriffs Act 1887 (c. 55)

- 58 In section 7(1) (declaration of office), for the words from...
59 In section 17 (disqualification from acting as justice of the...
60 In section 23(3) (declaration of office by under-sheriff), for the...
61 (1) Amend section 26 (declaration by bailiffs, etc.) as follows...
62 In section 29 (punishment for misconduct), after subsection (2) insert
—...
63 In section 38 (definitions), after the definition of “county” insert—...

Local Government Act 1888 (c. 41)

- 64 In section 28(2) (power of county council to delegate to...

Behring Sea Award Act 1894 (c. 2)

- 65 The Behring Sea Award Act 1894 shall have effect in...

Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 (c. 53)

- 66 In section 94(7) (licensing of pleasure boats: appeals to magistrates'...

Indictments Act 1915 (c. 90)

- 67 In section 2(2) (powers of rule committee), for the words...

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Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1920 (c. 33)

- 68 In section 3(4) (return of order to original court for...
- 69 (1) Amend section 4 (power of court of summary jurisdiction...
- 70 (1) In section 7(2) (power to make rules about proceedings...

Criminal Justice Act 1925 (c. 86)

- 71 In section 33(4) (rules about service of documents on a...

Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)

- 72 In section 7(2) (offence of selling tobacco to persons under...
- 73 (1) Amend section 25 (restrictions on persons under 18 going...
- 74 (1) Amend section 46 (assignment of certain matters to youth...
- 75 In section 48(3) (remand of child or young person by...
- 76 Omit section 101 (application of Summary Jurisdiction Acts).
- 77 In section 102(1) (appeals to Crown Court), for “court of...

Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1933 (c. 13)

- 78 (1) In section 3(1) (power to make rules of court...

Public Offices (Site) Act 1947 (c. 45)

- 79 Omit section 7 (correction of errors in deposited plan and...

The National Assistance Act 1948 (c. 29)

- 80 In section 43(4) (interpretation of section 43), for the words...
- 81 (1) Amend section 47 (removal to suitable premises of persons...
- 82 Omit section 65(c) (in application of Act to Scotland, references...

Criminal Justice Act 1948 (c. 58)

- 83 For section 37(4) (recommittal following appeal etc.) substitute—

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 (c. 55)

- 84 (1) Amend section 15 (appeal against directions) as follows.

Marriage Act 1949 (c. 76)

- 85 In section 3(5) (meaning of “the court”), for “appointed for...

National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (c. 97)

- 86 In section 68(3) (complaint to court about access requirement), omit...

Maintenance Orders Act 1950 (c. 37)

- 87 In section 17(1)(a) (registration of maintenance orders in England), for...
- 88 (1) Amend section 18 (enforcement of registered orders) as follows...
- 89 (1) Amend section 22 (discharge and variation of registered orders)...
- 90 In section 24(5A)(b) (cessation of order requiring payment), for “a...
- 91 (1) Amend section 25 (rules as to procedure of magistrates'...
- 92 (1) Amend section 28(1) (interpretation) as follows.

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Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act 1951 (c. 65)

93 (1) In Schedule 2 (paying authorities under Part 5), omit...

Prison Act 1952 (c. 52)

94 (1) Amend section 19 (right of justice to visit prison)...

Army Act 1955 (3 & 4 Eliz. 2 c. 18)

95 In— (a) section 189(3A)(a) (fee for certificate on delivery into...

Air Force Act 1955 (3 & 4 Eliz. 2 c. 19)

96 In— (a) section 189(3A)(a) (fee for certificate on delivery into...

Naval Discipline Act 1957 (c. 53)

97 In— (a) section 110(2A)(a) (fee for certificate on delivery into...

Maintenance Orders Act 1958 (c. 39)

98 (1) Amend section 2 (registration of orders) as follows.

99 In section 3(3A) (requirement of person liable under order to...

100 In section 4(5B) (variation of orders registered in magistrates' courts)

—...

101 (1) Amend section 5 (cancellation of registration) as follows.

102 (1) Amend section 18 (powers of magistrates to renew committals)...

103 In section 20(1) (registration of order at request of person...

104 In section 21(1) (interpretation), omit the definition of “rules of...

Manoeuvres Act 1958 (7 & 8 Eliz. 2 c. 7)

105 (1) Amend section 3 (power to close highways) as follows....

Obscene Publications Act 1959 (c. 66)

106 (1) Amend section 3 (powers of search, seizure and forfeiture)...

Road Traffic Act 1960 (c. 16)

107 In section 243(a) (proof in summary proceedings of identity of...

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 (c. 62)

108 In section 7(1) (appeal to magistrates' court against conditions attached...

109 In section 8(2) (appeal to magistrates' court against alteration to...

110 In section 32(1)(c) (application to Scotland), omit “acting for the...

Administration of Justice Act 1960 (c. 65)

111 In section 2(3) (power to extend time for applying for...

112 Omit section 3 (special provision as to capital cases).

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (c. 2)

113 In section 10A(5) (notification of cancellation of betting office licence),...

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- 114 In section 11 (notification of cancellation of bookmaker’s or betting...
115 (1) Amend Schedule 1 (bookmaker’s permits, betting agency permits
and...

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (c. 41)

- 116 In section 46(11) (appeals relating to exemptions from Act), omit...

Administration of Justice Act 1964 (c. 42)

- 117 For section 19(4)(a) (application of Sheriffs Act 1887 to Greater...
118 In section 26 (Inner and Middle Temples), omit “commissions of...

Backing of Warrants (Republic of Ireland) Act 1965 (c. 45)

- 119 In section 1(1) (endorsement of warrants issued in Republic of...
120 In section 4(1) (issue of provisional warrant), in paragraph (c),...
121 In section 6(2) (discharge of persons where police of Republic...
122 In section 8(1) (rules of court), for paragraph (a) substitute—...
123 (1) Amend the Schedule (supplementary provisions as to proceedings
under...

Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (c. 56)

- 124 Omit section 1(5) (jurisdiction of justices of the peace).

Public Works Loans Act 1965 (c. 63)

- 125 In section 2(1)(a) (loan to relevant authority)—

Criminal Procedure (Attendance of Witnesses) Act 1965 (c. 69)

- 126 In each of the following provisions, for “Crown Court rules”,...

National Loans Act 1968 (c. 18)

- 127 In Schedule 4 (local loans), in paragraph 1, in paragraph...

Criminal Appeal Act 1968 (c. 19)

- 128 In section 45 (construction of references to single judge), for...
129 Omit section 48 (appeal in capital cases).
130 Omit Schedule 4 (procedural and other modifications for capital
cases)....

Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1968 (c. 20)

- 131 Omit— (a) section 55 (modification of provisions of Parts 2...

Gaming Act 1968 (c. 65)

- 132 (1) Amend Schedule 2 (court order cancelling licence) as follows....
133 (1) Amend Schedule 3 (registration of members' clubs in England...
134 In Schedule 7 (registration for gaming by means of machines),...

Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (c. 54)

- 135 In section 23AA (electronic monitoring of conditions of remand), in...

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136 In section 23A(2)(a) (court appearance of person arrested for breaking...

Taxes Management Act 1970 (c. 9)

137 In section 4(7) (power to appoint officers and staff for...

Administration of Justice Act 1970 (c. 31)

138 In section 41(5) (enforcement of orders for payment of costs...

Courts Act 1971 (c. 23)

139 Omit— (a) section 27 (administrative and other court staff),

140 In section 52(3) (award of costs where information or complaint...

Attachment of Earnings Act 1971 (c. 32)

141 In section 3(1)(c) (persons who may apply for an attachment...

142 In section 6(7)(c) (collecting officer in case of order made...

143 (1) Amend section 18 (collecting officer in case of order...

144 In section 21(2)(a)(ii) (costs to be sum due), for “justices’...

145 In section 25(1) (interpretation), omit the definition of “rules of...

Fire Precautions Act 1971 (c. 40)

146 In section 43(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “the court”,...

Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77)

147 In section 25D(6)(a) (court to which application may be made...

148 (1) Amend section 28K (execution of search warrants issued to...

149 (1) Amend Schedule 2 (administrative provisions about control on entry)...

150 (1) Amend Schedule 3 (supplementary provisions about deportation) as follows....

Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972 (c. 18)

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154 In section 17(4) (proceedings in magistrates' courts)—

155 (1) Amend section 18 (provision that may be made by...

156 In section 21(1) (interpretation of Part 1), in the definition...

157 In section 23(6) (maintenance orders registered in High Court under...

158 In section 26(6) (application for recovery of maintenance in convention...

159 (1) Amend section 27B (sending application to appropriate magistrates' court)...

160 (1) Amend section 27C (application for recovery of maintenance in...

161 In section 32(2A) (transfer of orders), for “justices' chief executive”...

162 In section 34(3)(a) (application from abroad to vary registered order),...

163 (1) Amend section 34A (variation of orders by magistrates' courts)...

164 In section 47(3) (construction of references to the jurisdiction of...

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Civil Evidence Act 1972 (c. 30)

165 Omit section 2(8) (power to make rules of court under...

Criminal Justice Act 1972 (c. 71)

166 In section 51(4) (execution of process between England and Wales...

Administration of Justice Act 1973 (c. 15)

167 In section 5 (consequential) omit “Paragraph 7 of”.

168 In Schedule 1 (justices of the peace: consequential re-enactments and...

Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (c. 18)

169 In section 35(3) (jurisdiction to hear application for alteration of...

170 (1) Amend section 38 (orders for repayment of sums paid...

Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 (c. 60)

171

Juries Act 1974 (c. 23)

172 In— (a) section 9(3) (appeal against refusal to excuse from...

173 In section 14 (views by jurors), for “Crown Court rules,...

174 In Schedule 1 (jury service: ineligibility, disqualification and excusal),
in...

Friendly Societies Act 1974 (c. 46)

175 For section 102 (jurisdiction of magistrates' courts) substitute—
Jurisdiction of...

Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47)

176 (1) Amend section 38 (circumstances in which solicitor who is...

Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Act 1975 (c. 34)

177 In section 7 (rules of court)— (a) for the words...

Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 (c. 51)

178 In paragraph 14 of Schedule 4 (offences: delivery of licences...

Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (c. 52)

179 In section 17(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “the court”,...

Bail Act 1976 (c. 63)

180 In section 2 (definitions), omit the definitions of “Crown Court...

181 In section 3AA (electronic monitoring of compliance with bail
conditions),...

182 In section 5(10) (meaning of “prescribed” in section 5), for...

183 (1) Amend section 5B (reconsideration of decisions granting bail) as...

184 In section 6(9)(c)(i) (certification of copy of record), for “justices'...

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185 In section 7(4)(a) (appearance before justice following arrest for absconding...

186 (1) Amend section 8 (bail with sureties) as follows.

Race Relations Act 1976 (c. 74)

187 (1) Amend Schedule 1A (bodies subject to general statutory duty)...

Administration of Justice Act 1977 (c. 38)

188 Omit section 22 (membership of rule committees).

Criminal Law Act 1977 (c. 45)

189 (1) Amend section 10 (obstruction of court officers executing process...

190 In section 48(1) (power to make rules as to furnishing...

Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978 (c. 22)

191 In section 6(9) (restrictions on power to make order where...

192 (1) Amend section 20ZA (variation of orders for periodical payments)...

193 In section 27 (refusal of order in case more suitable...

194 In section 30(1) (jurisdiction to hear application for order under...

195 (1) Amend section 32 (enforcement of orders for payment of...

196 (1) Amend section 35 (orders for repayment of sums paid...

197 (1) Amend section 88 (interpretation) as follows.

Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c. 23)

198 (1) Amend Schedule 1 (appeals to House of Lords in...

Protection of Children Act 1978 (c. 37)

199 (1) Amend section 4 (entry, search and seizure) as follows....

200 In section 5(1) (forfeiture of seized articles), for “for that...

Licensed Premises (Exclusion of Certain Persons) Act 1980 (c. 32)

In section 4 (supplemental), in subsection (4)(a), for “justices' chief...

Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)

201 Omit section 3 (offences committed on boundaries etc.).

202 In section 6(5) (display of details of committal proceedings), for...

203 In section 12 (non-appearance of accused), in—

204 (1) Amend section 12A (application of section 12 where accused...

205 (1) Amend section 14 (proceedings invalid where accused did not...

206 In section 43(2) (enforcement of recognizance of a surety for...

207 In section 47 (service of summons out of time after...

208 (1) Amend section 59 (orders for periodical payment: means of...

209 (1) Amend section 59A (orders for periodical payment: proceedings by...

210 (1) Amend section 59B(5) (interpretation of provisions relating to penalty...

211 (1) Amend section 60 (revocation, variation, etc. of orders for...

212 (1) In section 61(1) (periodical payments payable by one person...

213 In section 62(1)(ii) (proceedings for sums payable to child), for...

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- 214 (1) Amend section 65(1) (proceedings which are family proceedings for...
215 In section 66(3) (composition of family proceedings courts), for the...
216 (1) Amend section 70 (jurisdiction of magistrates' courts in inner...
217 In section 74(1) (reasons for decisions in family proceedings), for...
218 (1) Amend section 77 (postponement of issue of warrant) as...
219 In— (a) section 78(4) (offence of removing impounded goods marked...
220 (1) Amend section 82 (restriction on power to impose imprisonment...
221 In section 84(1) (power to require statement of means) for...
222 (1) Amend section 85 (power to remit fine) as follows....
223 (1) Amend section 87 (enforcement of payment of fines by...
224 (1) Amend section 87A (fines imposed on companies) as follows....
225 (1) Amend section 89 (transfer of fine order) as follows....
226 In section 90(3) (transfer of fines to Scotland or Northern...
227 (1) Amend section 91 (transfer of fines from Scotland and...
228 In section 93(5) (issue of warrant to arrest person defaulting...
229 In section 95(3) (instalments in case of non-English maintenance order),...
230 In section 97(1), omit— (a) “for any commission area”, and...
231 (1) Amend section 97A (summons or warrant as to committal...
232 In section 99 (proof of non-payment of sum adjudged)—
233 In section 107 (false statements in declaration proving service), for...
234 In section 109(2) (notice to abandon an appeal), for “Crown...
235 In section 114 (payment of recognisances and fees on case...
236 (1) Amend section 116 (discharge of recognizance to keep the...
237 (1) Amend section 121 (constitution and place of sitting of...
238 In section 125(1) (warrants) for “the rules” substitute “ rules...
239 (1) Amend section 125B (execution of warrants by approved enforcement...
240 (1) Amend section 125C (disclosure of information for enforcing warrants)...
241 In section 126 (execution of certain warrants outside England and...
242 Omit sections 137 and 138 (fees and remission of fees)....
243 In section 139 (disposal of sums adjudged to be paid...
244 Omit section 141 (clerks to justices).
245 (1) Amend section 144 (rule committee) as follows.
246 (1) Amend section 145 (rules: supplementary provisions) as follows.
247 Omit section 147(occasional court-house).
248 In section 148(2) (power of magistrates' courts to act where...
249 Omit section 149 (Isles of Scilly).
250 (1) Amend section 150(1) (interpretation) as follows.
251 In section 152, for “the rules” substitute “ rules of...
252 Omit section 153 (magistrates' courts may sit on Sundays and...
253 In section 155(4) (extent of section 126 of 1980 Act),...
254 Omit Schedule 6 (fees).

Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act 1980 (c. 47)

- 255 Omit— (a) section 48 (appeal in capital cases), and

Highways Act 1980 (c. 66)

- 256 (1) Amend section 47 (power of magistrates' court to declare...
257 (1) Amend section 116 (power of magistrates' court to authorise...

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Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (c. 37)

- 258 In section 18(1) (appeals to magistrates' courts), omit “acting for...

Senior Courts Act 1981

- 259 (1) Amend section 8 (the Crown Court) as follows.
 260 In section 9(6A) (Circuit judge and Recorder not to exercise...
 261 In section 75(1) (allocation of cases to different sorts of...
 262 In— (a) section 125 (copies of wills and grants),
 263 Omit section 130 (fees to be taken in Senior Courts)...
 264 Omit sections 138, 138A and 138B (effect of writs of...
 265 In section 151(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “prescribed”,
 omit...

Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 (c. 63)

- 266 In paragraph 15(4A) of Schedule 1 (betting duties: notification of...
 267 In paragraph 15(3)(a) of Schedule 4 (gaming machine licence duty:...

Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (c. 27)

- 268 (1) Amend section 5 (recognition and enforcement of maintenance
 orders)...
 269 In section 15(3) (interpretation), for “for the same petty sessions...

Administration of Justice Act 1982 (c. 53)

- 270 In section 23(6)(a) (fees for deposit of wills), for “section...

County Courts Act 1984 (c. 28)

- 271 In— (a) section 66(4) (fees payable in respect of trial...
 272 Omit— (a) section 73 (register of judgments and orders), and...
 273 In section 98(1) (protection of district judge of county court...
 274 (1) Amend section 99 (effect of warrants of execution) as...
 275 For section 104 (information as to writs and warrants of...
 276 Omit section 128 (fees).
 277 In section 147(1) (interpretation), omit the definition of “fees orders”....

Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (c. 42)

- 278 Omit— (a) section 40 (family proceedings rules), and

Building Act 1984 (c. 55)

- 279 In section 40(1) (appeal against section 36 notice), omit “acting...
 280 In section 55(1) (appeals), omit “acting for the petty sessions...

Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (c. 60)

- 281 (1) Amend section 16 (execution of warrants) as follows.
 282 (1) Amend section 46 (detention after charge) as follows.
 283 In section 47(3A)(b) (date of first court appearance in bail...
 284 In section 47A (early administrative hearings conducted by justices'
 clerks),...
 285 In section 73(3)(a) (proof of convictions and acquittals), for “justices'...

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286 In section 81(1) and (2) (advance notice of expert evidence...

Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 (c. 23)

287 In section 7(4) (sending to Director of Public Prosecutions of...

288 (1) Amend section 20 (regulations) as follows.

289 In section 21 (interpretation of Part 2), in subsection (4A)(b),...

290 (1) Amend section 23 (discontinuance of proceedings in magistrates' courts)...

Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51)

291 Omit section 99 (disqualification of justices).

292 In Schedule 13 (residuary bodies), omit paragraph 13(i).

Transport Act 1985 (c. 67)

293 (1) Amend section 17 (London taxi and taxi driver licensing:...

Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45)

294 In section 124(1) (application for winding up), for “a justices'...

295 (1) Amend section 183 (effect of execution or attachment) as...

296 (1) Amend section 184 (duties of sheriff) as follows.

297 (1) Amend section 346 (enforcement procedures) as follows.

298 (1) Amend section 347 (distress) as follows.

299 In paragraph 12(1)(d) of Schedule B1 (application for administration order),...

Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 (c. 46)

300 In— (a) section 2(2)(c) (court which may make disqualification order...

Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 (c. 27)

301 In section 41 (interpretation), in the definition of “the court”,...

Coroners Act 1988 (c. 13)

302 In— (a) sections 16(1)(a) (adjournment of inquest in event of...

Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33)

303 (1) Amend section 41 (power of Crown Court to deal...

304 In section 67(1) (notification of fine imposed by coroner), for...

Local Government Finance Act 1988 (c. 41)

305 In— (a) section 74(1)(c) (levies), and (b) section 117(5)(c) (rates...

Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52)

306 In section 90(1)(a) (application to court for review of conduct...

307 In section 100(1) (appeals relating to licences), omit “acting for...

308 In section 119(1) (appeal to sheriff)— (a) omit “acting for...

309 In section 133(1)(a) (review of examinations by magistrates' court), for...

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Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (c. 53)

- 310 In section 7(2) (duty to produce licence), for “justices' chief...
- 311 In sections 8(a) and 25(2)(a) (notification of date of birth...
- 312 In section 26 (interim disqualification)— (a) renumber the subsection inserted...
- 313 In section 27(5) (production of licence), for “justices' chief executive”...
- 314 In section 52(3)(c) (fixed penalty notice), for “justices' chief executive”...
- 315 (1) Amend section 69 (payment of fixed penalty) as follows....
- 316 In section 70(4)(a) (registration certificate), for “justices' chief executive for...
- 317 (1) Amend section 71 (registration of sums payable in default)...
- 318 In section 74(5) (provisions supplementary to sections 72 and 73)—...
- 319 In section 75(6) (conditional offer of fixed penalty: fixed penalty...
- 320 (1) Amend section 82 (accounting for fixed penalties) as follows....
- 321 In section 83(1)(b) (powers in cases of deception), for “justices'...
- 322 In section 84(c) (power to make regulations prescribing duties), for...

Dangerous Dogs Act 1989 (c. 30)

- 323 In section 1 (additional powers of court on complaint about...

Extradition Act 1989 (c. 33)

- 324 In section 7(3) (rules as to service of documents), for...
- 325 In section 8(1)(a) (issue of warrant of arrest for purposes...
- 326 In section 9(2) (proceedings for committal), for “the Senior District...
- 327 In section 13(5)(a) (return to foreign states – supplementary), for...
- 328 In section 14(2) (simplified procedure)— (a) for “rules under section...
- 329 (1) Amend Schedule 1 (provisions deriving from Extradition Act 1870...
- 330 (1) In paragraph 5 of Schedule 1A (adaptation of Act...

Football Spectators Act 1989 (c. 37)

- 331 (1) Amend section 7 (disqualification for membership of scheme) as...
- 332 In— (a) section 14G(3) (variation of banning order),
- 333 (1) Amend section 18 (information) as follows.
- 334 In section 20(7) (appeal against refusal to grant exemption), omit...
- 335 In section 22(2) (banning orders arising out of offences outside...

Children Act 1989 (c. 41)

- 336 In section 83(5) (directions to submit particulars of proceedings), for...
- 337 (1) Amend section 97 (privacy for children involved in certain...
- 338 (1) Amend paragraph 6A of Schedule 1 (variation of orders...
- 339 In paragraph 10(6) of Schedule 1 (jurisdiction to hear application...
- 340 In paragraph 24(6) of Schedule 2 (signature as evidence of...

Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42)

- 341 In section 39(1) (authorities to which provisions about revenue accounts...
- 342 In section 67(3) (authorities to which provisions about interests in...

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Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8)

343 In section 217(2) (appeal to magistrates' court against section 215...

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (c. 9)

344 In section 47(4) (application to stay compulsory acquisition of listed...

345 In section 50(6) (application to court following direction for minimum...

Computer Misuse Act 1990 (c. 18)

346 Omit section 11(1) (magistrates' court's jurisdiction).

347 In section 16(10) (application to Northern Ireland)—

Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41)

348 Omit section 1(12) (duty of Lord Chancellor to prepare annual...

349 In section 10(2) (family proceedings in magistrates' courts), for “Rules...

Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53)

350 In section 20A(2)(a) (official request for statement of financial circumstances),...

351 Omit sections 76 to 78 (court security).

352 (1) Amend section 92 (interpretation of Part 4) as follows....

Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (c. 65)

353 In section 4 (destruction and disqualification orders)—

Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5)

354 In section 107 (recovery of expenditure on income support)—

355 In section 121(1) (unpaid contributions – supplementary)—

Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14)

356 In section 19(3) (exclusion of Crown exemption), omit paragraph (ea)....

Friendly Societies Act 1992 (c. 40)

357 For section 110 (jurisdiction of magistrates' courts) substitute—
Jurisdiction of...

Charities Act 1992 (c. 41)

358 In section 71(3) (appeals), omit from “and references” onwards.

Protection of Badgers Act 1992 (c. 51)

359 In section 13 (powers of court where dog used or...

Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992 (c. 53)

360 In Schedule 1 (tribunals under direct supervision of Council on...

Pension Schemes Act 1993 (c. 48)

361 In section 68(1)(b) (receipt of statement of admission of failure...

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Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (c. 22)

362 In— (a) section 51(3)(b)(i) (meaning of “appropriately proved”), and

Value Added Tax Act 1994 (c. 23)

363 In section 82(3) (power to appoint officers and staff for...

Drug Trafficking Act 1994 (c. 37)

364 In section 55(7) (power to make rules about orders under...

Road Traffic (New Drivers) Act 1995 (c. 13)

365 In paragraph 3(3A) of Schedule 1 (test certificate not previously...

Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (c. 21)

366 In section 68(4A) (particulars of fine for not co-operating with...

Criminal Appeal Act 1995 (c. 35)

367 In section 22 (meaning of public body etc.), omit subsection...

Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (c. 50)

368 (1) Amend section 38 (appeal against refusal of exemption certificate)...

Reserve Forces Act 1996 (c. 14)

369 In paragraph 7(3A) of Schedule 2 (fee payable on delivery...

370 In paragraph 9(4) of Schedule 3 (certificate as proof of...

Police Act 1996 (c. 16)

371 In section 5(2) (consultation before reduction in size of police...

372 In section 5C(3) (consultation before reduction in size of Metropolitan...

373 (1) Amend Schedule 2 (police authorities established under section 3)...

374 (1) Amend Schedule 2A (the Metropolitan Police Authority) as follows....

375 (1) Amend Schedule 3 (police authorities: selection of independent members)...

376 After Schedule 3 insert— SCHEDULE 3A police authorities: selection of...

Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (c. 25)

377 (1) Amend section 19 (rules of court) as follows.

378 In section 20(3) (rules as to disclosure), for the words...

379 In section 33 (Crown Court Rules)— (a) in subsections (1)...

380 In paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 (rules about statements and...

381 In paragraph 13(2) of Schedule 4 (modification of section 20(3)...

National Minimum Wage Act 1998 (c. 39)

382 After section 45 insert— Persons discharging fines by unpaid work...

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Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999 (c. 11)

- 383 In section 9(9) (application for termination of disqualification), for “for...

Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 (c. 23)

- 384 In each of the following provisions, for “rules of court”...
385 In section 24 (evidence by live link), omit subsections (5)...
386 In section 44(11) (restrictions on reporting of offences), for “rules...
387 Omit section 65(2) (meaning of “rules of court”).

Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11)

- 388 (1) Amend Schedule 4 (forfeiture orders) as follows.
389 (1) Amend Schedule 5 (terrorist investigations: information) as follows.
390 (1) Amend paragraph 4 of Schedule 6 (procedure on application...
391 In paragraph 29(4)(a) of Schedule 8 (extension of detention: meaning of...

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36)

- 392 In Schedule 1 (public authorities), omit paragraph 34.

Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (c. 43)

- 393 In paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 1 (constitution of local probation...

Vehicles (Crime) Act 2001 (c. 3)

- 394 In section 38(5) (unified power to fund speed cameras)—

Private Security Industry Act 2001 (c. 12)

- 395 (1) Amend section 11 (appeals in licensing matters) as follows....
396 (1) Amend section 18 (appeals relating to approvals) as follows....

Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (c. 16)

- 397 In section 3(3)(f) (penalty notice for disorderly behaviour), for “justices’...
398 In section 7(1) (payment of penalty), for “justices’ chief executive”...
399 In section 8(2) (certificate that sum is registrable for enforcement...
400 (1) Amend section 9 (registration of sums payable in default)...
401 In section 21(5) (closure of unlicensed premises), for “justices’ chief...
402 In section 22(5)(a) (termination of closure order), for “justices’ chief...

International Criminal Court Act 2001 (c. 17)

- 403 In— (a) section 7(3) (form of consent to surrender), and...
404 In section 26 (meaning of “appropriate judicial officer”), in the...
405 In paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 5 (orders under Part 1),...

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (c. 29)

- 406 In— (a) section 24(1)(b) (application to discharge confiscation order: inadequacy...
407 In section 54(6) and (7) (payments by enforcement receivers), for...

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- 408 (1) Amend section 55 (sums received by justices' chief executive)...
 409 In section 67(5) (payment of seized money), for “justices' chief...
 410 In section 91 (Crown Court Rules) for “Crown Court Rules...

Adoption and Children Act 2002 (c. 38)

- 411 In section 13(2) (requirement to provide information relating to adoption),...
 412 In section 55(2) (interpretation of section 55(1)), for “petty sessions”...
 413 (1) Amend section 141 (rules of procedure) as follows.
 414 In section 144(1) (interpretation), for the definition of “rules” substitute —...

SCHEDULE 9 — Transitional provisions and savings

Interpretation

- 1 In this Schedule “the JPA 1997” means the Justices of...

Orders contracting out the provision of officers and staff

- 2 Any order which, immediately before section 2 comes into force,...

Local justice areas

- 3 The first order under section 8 must specify as a...

Appointment and assignment of lay justices

- 4 A person who, immediately before section 10 comes into force,...

The supplemental list

- 5 (1) The existing supplemental list shall have effect as the...

Keepers of the rolls

- 6 A person who, immediately before section 16 comes into force,...

Chairman and deputy chairmen of the bench

- 7 A person who, immediately before section 17 comes into force,...

Senior District Judge (Chief Magistrate)

- 8 (1) The person who, immediately before section 23 comes into...

Justices' clerks and assistant clerks

- 9 A person who— (a) immediately before section 27 comes into...
 10 A person who— (a) immediately before section 27 comes into...
 11 (1) Any regulations made under— (a) section 42 of the...

Family proceedings courts

- 12 Any justice of the peace who, immediately before section 49...

Youth courts

13 Any justice of the peace who, immediately before section 50...

Inspectors of court administration

14 Any person who, immediately before section 58 comes into force,...

Collection of fines and discharge of fines by unpaid work

15 (1) This paragraph applies if section 97 and Schedule 5...

Register of judgments and orders

16 The register having effect under section 73 of the County...

SCHEDULE 10 — Repeals

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- s. 61(4)(5) applied by [2009 c. 25 s. 39\(6\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 39 repealed (18.9.2012) without ever being in force by S.I. 2012/2401, Sch. 1 para. 34)
- s. 98 modified by [2022 c. 46 s. 40\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 98 modified by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 4 para. 5\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 98 modified by [S.I. 2024/445 reg. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 98 modified by 1971 c. 77, Sch. 2 para. 28E(5) (as inserted) by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 13 Sch. 2 para. 16](#) omitted by [2022 c. 35 s. 47\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 2(2) words inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 46](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 21 para. 46 repealed (18.9.2012) without ever being in force by S.I. 2012/2401, Sch. 1 para. 35)
- Sch. 5 restricted by [2008 c. 25 s. 56-58](#)
- Sch. 5 para. 3(1)(b)(ii) substituted by [2022 c. 32 Sch. 11 para. 30](#)
- Sch. 5 para. 10(a) words substituted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 2 para. 13](#)
- Sch. 6 restricted by [2008 c. 25 s. 56-58](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 2(1)(a)(v) words substituted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 2 para. 14](#)
- Sch. 8 para. 309 repealed by [2006 c. 49 Sch. 7\(14\)](#)
- Sch. 8 para. 302 repealed by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 23 Pt. 1](#)
- Sch. 8 para. 337(3) repealed by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 4 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 4 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by 2013 c. 22, s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))

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. 75(6) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 76(2B) inserted by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 14](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by 2013 c. 22, s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))
- s. 81(6) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 85EA(5) words substituted by [2022 c. 32 Sch. 11 para. 29](#)
- Sch. 5 para. 13(1)(ca) inserted by [2013 c. 22 s. 26\(3\)](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Courts Act 2003

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2005/547 art. 2](#) commences (2003 c. 39)