



County Courts Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 28

PART IX

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Summonses and other documents

133 Proof of service of summonses etc.

- (1) Where any summons or other process issued from [^{F1}the county court] is served by an officer of [^{F2}the court] , the service may be proved by a certificate in a prescribed form ^{F3} . . . showing the fact and mode of the service.
- (2) Any officer of [^{F2}the court] wilfully and corruptly giving a false certificate under subsection (1) in respect of the service of a summons or other process shall be guilty of an offence and, on conviction thereof, shall be removed from office and shall be liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for any term not exceeding 2 years; or
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for any term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both such imprisonment and fine.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in ss. 36-147 substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 10\(1\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)
- F2** Words in s. 133 substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 10\(66\)](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)
- F3** Words in s. 133(1) omitted (26.4.1999) by [S.I. 1998/2940](#), [arts. 1](#), 6(e); [S.I. 1998/3132](#)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 133(2) applied by 1984 c. 42, s. 31N(2) (as inserted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013](#) (c. 22), s. 61(3), **Sch. 10 para. 1**; S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(d) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11))

F4 134

Textual Amendments

F4 S. 134 omitted (26.4.1999) by [S.I. 1998/2940](#), **arts. 1, 6(f)**; [S.I. 1998/3132](#)

135 Penalty for falsely pretending to act under authority of court.

Any person who—

- (a) delivers or causes to be delivered to any other person any paper falsely purporting to be a copy of any summons or other process of [^{F1}the county court] , knowing it to be false; or
- (b) acts or professes to act under any false colour or pretence of the process or authority of [^{F1}the county court] ;

shall be guilty of an offence and shall for each offence be liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years.

Textual Amendments

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136 Penalty for falsely representing document to have been issued from county court.

- (1) It shall not be lawful to deliver or cause to be delivered to any person any document which was not issued under the authority of [^{F1}the county court] but which, by reason of its form or contents or both, has the appearance of having been issued under such authority.
- (2) If any person contravenes this section, he shall for each offence be liable on summary conviction to a fine of an amount not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall be taken to prejudice section 135.

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137 Lessee to give notice of summons for recovery of land.

- (1) Every lessee to whom there is delivered any summons issued from [^{F1}the county court] for the recovery of land demised to or held by him, or to whose knowledge any such summons comes, shall forthwith give notice of the summons to his lessor or his bailiff or receiver.
- (2) If a lessee fails to give notice as required by subsection (1), he shall be liable to forfeit to the person of whom he holds the land an amount equal to the value of 3 years' improved or rack rent of the land to be recovered by action in [^{F5}the county court or any] other court having jurisdiction in respect of claims for such an amount.

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- F5** Words in s. 137(2) substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 10\(67\)](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(c) (with [art. 3](#)) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)

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- Pt. 6A inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 107\(1\)](#) (This affecting provision is amended (22.4.2014) by [2013 c. 22, Sch. 9 paras. 10\(53\), 48](#); [S.I. 2014/954, art. 2\(c\)](#))
- s. 60A inserted by [2007 c. 29 s. 191](#)
- s. 60A(2) words substituted by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 9 para. 10\(17\)](#) (Effect not applied as s. 60A has not been brought into force)
- s. 60A(3)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1166 reg. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment comes into force immediately after [2007 c. 29, s. 191\(1\)](#) comes into force)
- s. 60A(3)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1166 reg. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment comes into force immediately after [2007 c. 29, s. 191\(1\)](#) comes into force)
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- s. 60A(7) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/844 Sch. 2 para. 2](#) (Effect not applied as s. 60A has not been brought into force)
- s. 112A112B inserted by [1990 c. 41 s. 13\(5\)](#)