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A **LAW** to make provision for the abolition of the offices of prévôt, sergent and bedel and for regulating procedure in the Petty Debts Court, to amend and to make provision for amending the Law in relation to fines and forfeitures, to abolish the Cour du Billet, to prescribe the period in which actions may be brought on judgments of the Royal Court and Petty Debts Court and to provide for certain ancillary matters

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### 1 Interpretation<sup>1</sup>

In this Law, “prévôt” and “sergent” mean respectively a King’s prévôt and a King’s sergent.

### 2 Extension of power to make rules of court

- (1) The power of the Royal Court to make Rules of Court under Article 13 of the [Royal Court \(Jersey\) Law 1948](#), shall include a power to make rules –
  - (a) for abolishing any functions of a prévôt or a sergent;
  - (b) for the carrying out of any functions of a prévôt or a sergent by such persons or by such means as may be specified in the rules;
  - (c) for regulating and prescribing in relation to the Petty Debts Court any matters which may be regulated and prescribed under the said Article 13 in relation to the Royal Court;
  - (d) in relation to the collection of fines and other penalties imposed by any court and the disposal of forfeitures.<sup>2</sup>
- (2) In the application of the said Article 13(1)(d), as extended by sub-paragraph (1)(c) of this Article, the reference to the Bailiff alone and to the Bailiff and jurats shall be construed as a reference to the judge of the Petty Debts Court.

### **3 Abolition of the offices of prévôt, sergent and bedel**

- (1) Where Rules of Court under Article 2(1)(a) and (b) of this Law have made the full provision which may be made for the abolition of the functions of prévôt or sergent or for the carrying out of such of those functions as have not been abolished and it is so declared in the rules, the office in relation to which such provision has been made shall be abolished and all duties, rights and privileges attaching to such office shall cease.
- (2) The office of bedel is hereby abolished and all duties, rights and privileges attaching to such office shall cease.

### **4 Records of *appariements* and lists of *rentes anciennes* due to and by the Crown**

- (1) It shall be the duty of every person having in his or her possession the record of any *appariements* or any list of *rentes anciennes* due to or by the Crown to inform the Receiver-General that he or she has the same in his or her possession and, if the Receiver-General so requires, to deliver the same to the Receiver-General.
- (2) If any such person as aforesaid wilfully fails to comply with any of the requirements of this Article, the person shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine of level 1 on the standard scale.<sup>3</sup>

### **5 Disposal of fines and other pecuniary penalties**

- (1) Where any enactment passed before the coming into force of this Law provides that any fine or other pecuniary penalty, or any part thereof –
  - (a) shall be awarded for the benefit of a fund administered by the States or by an administration of the States, or for the benefit of an administration of the States or of a department or institution administered by the States, or for the benefit of a common informer, or shall be applied for a public purpose, the same shall be paid into the consolidated fund;
  - (b) shall be awarded for the benefit of any funds administered by a parish (other than the general revenues of the parish), or for the benefit of any department or institution administered by a parish, or shall be applied for any parochial purposes, the same shall be awarded for the benefit of the general revenues of the parish.<sup>4</sup>

### **6 Abolition of Cour du Billet**

The Cour du Billet is hereby abolished and any action which could be instituted in the Cour du Billet shall be instituted in the Cour du Samedi.

### **7 Limitation of actions**

No action shall lie on any judgment of the Royal Court or the Petty Debts Court after the expiration of 10 years from the date on which the judgment became enforceable.

**8 Repeals**

The following are hereby repealed, namely any rule of law or custom contrary to the provisions of this Law.

**9 Citation**

This Law may be cited as the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law 1967.

## ENDNOTES

### Table of Legislation History

Legislation	Year and No	Commencement
Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law 1967	<a href="#">L.6/1967</a>	26 June 1967
Petty Debts Court (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law 2000	<a href="#">L.29/2000</a>	1 June 2004
Public Finances (Consequential Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 2005	<a href="#">R&amp;O.126/2005</a>	9 December 2005
Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law 2016	<a href="#">L.1/2016</a>	20 September 2016 <a href="#">(R&amp;O.98/2016)</a>

### Table of Renumbered Provisions

Original	Current
8 (a) and (b)	spent, omitted from this revised edition
8 (c)	8

### Table of Endnote References

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- <sup>1</sup> Article 1 *revised on 11 January 2024 by Law Revision Board item [2023/1](#)*
- <sup>2</sup> Article 2(1) *amended by L.29/2000*
- <sup>3</sup> Article 4(2) *amended by L.1/2016*
- <sup>4</sup> Article 5(1) *amended by R&O.126/2005*