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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT, 1949

JUVENILE COURTS, ISLE OF MAN

The Juvenile Courts (Constitution) Rules, 1961

I, Sir Ronald Garvey, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., M.B.E., Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man, in exercise of the powers and authorities me in this behalf enabling, under the First Schedule to the Children and Young Persons Act, 1949, and of all other powers, DO HEREBY make the following Rules and Orders :—

1. These Rules and Orders may be cited as the Juvenile Courts (Constitution) Rules, 1961, and shall come into operation on the 12th day of April, 1961.

2. (1) The Governor (after considering the representations made to him by the Justices of the petty sessions districts) doth order that there shall be only one panel for the four petty sessions districts of Douglas, Castletown, Ramsey and Peel.

(2) The Governor shall (after considering any representations made to him by the Justices of the said petty sessions districts) in accordance with these Rules, appoint justices specially qualified for dealing with juvenile cases, and who have not attained the age of 65 years, to form one juvenile court panel for the petty sessions districts of Douglas, Castletown, Ramsey and Peel, and that the provisions of the following Rules shall apply to the justices as so appointed.

3. The number of persons appointed to serve on the panel shall be such as the Governor at the time of appointment thinks sufficient for the purpose, but he may at any time appoint additional members to the panel.

4. Subject to Rule 10, the terms during which the members of the panel shall from time to time hold office shall be three years, computed from the 1st day of May, 1961, but subject to the proviso that notwithstanding the expiration of any said term the then members

of the panel shall remain in office and be deemed to be members of such panel for all purposes until their successors have been appointed.

5. Subject to Rule 10, every person appointed as a member of the panel in accordance with the foregoing Rules shall take office on the 1st day of May in the year of appointment.

6. As soon as practicable, either before or shortly after the end of each period of three years, a new panel shall be appointed in accordance with Rule 2.

7. A justice shall not be ineligible for appointment as a member of a new panel by reason of the fact that he has previously served as a member of a panel.

8. A justice who attains the age of 65 years shall forthwith cease to be a member of the panel :

Provided that the Governor may in exceptional cases direct that particular justices who have attained that age shall continue to be members of the panel for such extended periods as may be specified in the direction but not later than the end of the period for which the other members of the panel were appointed.

9. If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the panel, the Governor shall, as soon as may be practicable after the occurrence of the vacancy, appoint another justice to fill the vacancy, unless he considers that it is not necessary to do so.

10. Any justice appointed to fill a vacancy or as an additional member of the panel, shall, subject to Rule 8, serve thereon until the end of the period for which the other members of the panel were appointed.

11. The names and addresses of justices appointed to serve on the panel shall be notified by the Government Secretary to the Clerks to the Justices immediately after their appointment, and any additional appointments made to fill any vacancy shall be so notified.

12. The members of the panel shall on the occasion of their appointment or as soon as practicable thereafter meet and elect from amongst their number (by secret ballot if there is more than one nomination for any office) a chairman and four deputy chairmen. If a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship or any deputy chairmanship the members of the panel shall elect (by secret ballot if there is more than one nomination) a chairman, or, as the case may be, a deputy chairman, to hold office for the remainder of the period for which the members serve. Any such officer so elected shall, however, remain in office until his successor is elected.

13. The members of the panel shall meet as often as may be necessary, but not less often than twice a year, to make arrangements connected with the holding of juvenile courts and to discuss questions connected with the work of those courts. Such meetings shall be convened by the Clerk to the Justices of the Southern district, or his deputy, when instructed so to do.