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Act 63 of 1954

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An Act to provide for justices of the peace of Swaziland.

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Justices of the Peace Act, 1954.

2. Appointment of justices of the peace

The Prime Minister may appoint fit and proper persons to be justices of the peace for the whole of Swaziland or for any district thereof, and may remove any person so appointed from his office.

3. Continuance of prior appointments

Every justice of the peace appointed under section 11 of the Resident Justices of the Peace and Justices of the Peace Ordinance, 1904 hitherto in force in Swaziland, and holding such office at the date on which this Act comes into force, shall be deemed to have been appointed under [section 2](#) of this Act.

4. *Ex officio* justices of the peace

All Regional Secretary and Cadets, the Commissioner of Police and the Deputy Commissioner of Police shall be *ex officio* justices of the peace for Swaziland. (Taken from original *Cap. 3*).

5. Oaths of allegiance and office (Schedule)

Every justice of the peace shall, before exercising any functions of his office, take the oaths of allegiance and office, set out in the Schedule, before the District Commissioner of the district in which he resides:

Provided that this section shall not apply to any justice of the peace described in [section 3](#).

6. Powers, duties and jurisdiction

Every justice of the peace shall be authorised and required to administer oaths and take solemn declarations within his area in matters when statements upon oath or solemn declarations are required by law, or when otherwise requested so to do, and further to exercise all powers, jurisdiction and duties conferred and imposed on justices of the peace by any law which may from time to time be in force.

Schedule

Form of oath of allegiance

I, _____ do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Sobhuza II, of Swaziland, his Heirs and Successors, according to Law.

So help me God.

Form of oath of office

Justices of the peace

I, _____ do sincerely promise and swear that I will faithfully and diligently execute to the best of my ability the several duties of the office of justice of the peace and will be just and equitable in such office and will do right to all manner of people after the laws of Swaziland without fear or affection or ill-will.

So help me God.