

Whereas her Majesty currently lacks a personal representative in each of the baronies in her Dominion of British West Florida.

And whereas it has become readily apparent that a personal representative of Her Majesty, is absolutely vital in fostering close and binding ties of affection between Her Majesty and her subjects, in each of the baronies of British West Florida.

And whereas the lieutenancies in Great Britain already have an excellent and well established reputation for representing Her Majesty at the local level, and fostering close and binding ties between the British crown and its subjects.

And whereas enacting lieutenancies for the Dominion of British West Florida, would fulfill the requirement for a local representative of Her Majesty in each of the baronies, in order to foster close and binding ties between the baronial residents and the crown.

Now therefore it be enacted by the Grace of the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 LIEUTENANCIES IN BRITISH WEST FLORIDA

- (1) A lord-lieutenant shall be appointed by Her Majesty or Her Governor-General for each barony in the Dominion of British West Florida, as well as the cities of New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Mobile, and Panama City.
- (2) Her Majesty or Her Governor-General may appoint lieutenants (in addition to the lord-lieutenant) for any barony or city.
- (3) Schedule 1 to this Act (which identifies the areas which are baronies in British West Florida for the purposes of the lieutenancies) shall have effect; and in this Act “barony” and “city” shall be construed accordingly.

2 VICE LORD-LIEUTENANTS

- (1) The lord-lieutenant of a barony or area may, with Her Majesty's approval, appoint a lieutenant of that barony or area as his vice lord-lieutenant.
- (2) If a lord-lieutenant who has appointed a vice lord-lieutenant dies or otherwise ceases to hold office, the commission of the vice lord-lieutenant is vacated on the appointment of a new lord-lieutenant for the barony or area concerned.
- (3) A commission as vice lord-lieutenant of a barony or area may, with the approval of Her Majesty, be revoked by the lord-lieutenant who granted it; and the lord-lieutenant shall revoke the commission forthwith after one year, unless informed of Her Majesty's pleasure that it be renewed for another year.
- (4) Without prejudice to Her Majesty's power to make other provision under section 3, if—
 - (a) the lord-lieutenant of a barony or city is absent from the county or area, sick or otherwise unable to act; or

(b) there is a vacancy in the office of lord-lieutenant for a barony or area, the vice lord-lieutenant of that barony or area shall stand for all purposes in the lord-lieutenant's place and, accordingly, may do anything which may be done by the lord-lieutenant.

3 ABSENCE, ETC. OF LORD-LIEUTENANT

(1) If—

(a) the lord-lieutenant of a barony or city is absent from the Dominion of British West Florida, sick or otherwise unable to act; or

(b) there is a vacancy in the office of lord-lieutenant of a barony or area, Her Majesty may authorise any three lieutenants of that barony or city to act as its lord-lieutenant.

(2) During the period for which they are authorised to act, the persons authorised under this section shall stand for all purposes in the lord-lieutenant's place and, accordingly, may do anything which may be done by the lord-lieutenant.

4 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF LIEUTENANCIES

(1) There shall be a clerk of the lieutenancy for each barony or city, appointed by the lord-lieutenant.

(2) The lord-lieutenant of a barony or city may revoke the appointment of the clerk of the lieutenancy.

5 FUNCTIONS OF LORD-LIEUTENANTS, LIEUTENANTS AND DEPUTY LIEUTENANTS

The lord-lieutenant and lieutenants of a barony or city shall have such functions and privileges (whether provided for under any enactment or otherwise) as are for the time being exercisable by or vested in the lord-lieutenant or lieutenants respectively of that barony or area.

The lord-lieutenant's authority and remit shall extend to the following areas:

1. Arrange baronial or city visits of the Royal family or Her Majesty's Governor-General and escort Royal visitors, ;
2. Present medals and awards on behalf of Her Majesty;
3. Grant pardon in Her Majesty's Name for misdemeanors - this expression of Her Majesty's prerogative of Mercy shall in no way be construed to reduce the authority of the Local Lord to grant pardons and clemency.

6 COMMISSIONERS OF LIEUTENANCY FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA

(1) Her Majesty may issue commissions of lieutenancy in respect of the City of Pensacola to such persons as She thinks fit to be the Commissioners of Lieutenancy for the City of Pensacola (in this section referred to as "the commissioners").

(2) For the purposes of the application of sections 4 and 5 to the City of Pensacola, the commissioners shall be treated as if they were the lord-lieutenant of a barony.

(3) Nothing in this Act affects the functions or privileges of the commissioners (whether provided for under any enactment or otherwise).

7 CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS, TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS, REPEALS AND REVOCATION

(1) Schedule 2 to this Act (which contains transitional provisions and savings) shall have effect.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Baronies and areas for the purposes of the lieutenantancies in British West Florida

PRELIMINARY

1 The provisions of this Schedule identify the areas which constitute baronies in British West Florida for the purposes of the lieutenantancies in British West Florida.

2. The baronies in British West Florida for the purposes of this Act are—

Orleans,
East Baton Rouge,
East Feliciana,
West Feliciana,
Livingston,
St. Helena,
St. Tammany,
Tangipahoa,
Charles,
Pearl River,
Cornwall,
Stone,
Harrison,
George,
Jackson,
Baldwin,
Mobile,
Morgan,
Cherokee,
Choctaw,
Escambia,
Santa Rosa,
Okaloosa,
Walton,
Holmes,
Bay,
Calhoun,
Gulf,
Edward,
Fayette

4 The City of Pensacola shall be treated as a barony for the purposes of sections 4 and 5.

SCHEDULE 2 TRANSITIONAL AND SAVING PROVISIONS

GENERAL

1 The substitution of this Act for the enactments repealed or revoked by this Act does not affect the continuity of the law.

2 Anything done (including subordinate legislation made) or having effect as done under a provision reproduced in this Act has effect as if done under the corresponding provision of this Act.

3 References (express or implied) in this Act or any other enactment, instrument or document to a provision of this Act shall, so far as the context permits, be construed as including, in relation to times, circumstances and purposes before the commencement of this Act, a reference to corresponding earlier provisions.

4 A reference (express or implied) in any enactment, instrument or document to a provision reproduced in this Act shall be construed, so far as is required for continuing its effect, as being or, as the case may require, including a reference to the corresponding provision of this Act.

5 Any document made, served or issued on or after the commencement of this Act which contains a reference to any provision reproduced by this Act shall be construed, except so far as a contrary intention appears, as referring or, as the case may require, including a reference to the corresponding provision of this Act.

SHORT TITLE, COMMENCEMENT AND EXTENT

(1) This Act may be cited as the Lieutenancies Act 2007.

(2) This Act shall come into force upon the Assent of Her Majesty the Queen either by Her Own Hand and Seal, or by the hand of Her Majesty's Governor-General and the Seal of the Dominion of British West Florida.

The Assent to this Act is granted in the name of Her Majesty the Queen by the hand of Her Governor-General in for this Dominion of British West Florida on this 17th Day of October in the year of our Lord 2007, and of Her Majesty's reign the 55th.

