Short title, commencement and extent.

**2.**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Restriction of Offensive Weapons Act, 1959.

(2) This Act shall come into operation at the expiration of the period of one month beginning with the day on which it is passed.

(3) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.

## CHAPTER 38

An Act to amend the provisions of the Schedule to the Police Act, 1919, with respect to the dates of elections of Branch Boards and of annual meetings of Branch Boards and Central Conferences of the Police Federation. [14th May, 1959]

BE it enacted by 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:—

Dates of elections and annual meetings. 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 46.

**1.**—(1) The Schedule to the Police Act, 1919 (which makes provision as to the constitution, functions and proceedings of the Police Federation) shall have effect, as respects the year nineteen hundred and sixty and subsequent years, as if for paragraphs 5 and 9 thereof there were substituted the following paragraphs:—

"5. The election for each Board shall for each calendar year take place within such period (which may fall wholly or partly before the beginning of that year) as the Secretary of State may specify after consulting the three Central Committees sitting together as a Joint Committee, and the annual meeting of each Board shall be held within one month after the election of its members."

"9. The Central Conference for each rank shall be held each calendar year at such time as the Secretary of State may specify after consulting the three Central Committees sitting together as a Joint Committee."

(2) The Secretary of State may direct, after consulting the three Central Committees of the Police Federation for England and Wales sitting as a Joint Committee, that no elections or meetings shall be held in England and Wales in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-nine under the said paragraphs 5 and 9 as originally enacted.

(3) In paragraph 22 of the said Schedule (which enables Branch Boards to hold four quarterly meetings) the word " four " shall be omitted.

Short title and extent.

**2.**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Police Federation Act, 1959.

(2) This Act does not extend to Northern Ireland.

## CHAPTER 39

An Act to amend the law relating to the restriction of vexatious actions. [14th May, 1959]

BE it enacted by 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:—

Restriction of vexatious actions.

15 & 16 Geo. 5 c. 49.

**1.**—(1) In subsection (1) of section fifty-one of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925 (which provides that if, on an application made by the Attorney General under that section, the High Court is satisfied that any person has habitually and persistently and without any reasonable ground instituted vexatious legal proceedings, whether in the High Court or in any inferior court, and whether against the same person or against different persons, the court may, after hearing that person or giving him an opportunity of being heard, order that no legal proceedings shall without the leave of the High Court or a judge thereof be instituted by him in any court) after the words " in any court " there shall be inserted the words " and that any legal proceedings instituted by him in any court before the making of the order shall not be continued by him without such leave ".

(2) In subsection (1) of section thirty-one of the said Act of 1925 (which provides that no appeal shall lie in certain cases) at the end there shall be added the following paragraph, that is to say—

" (*l*) from an order refusing leave for the institution or continuance of legal proceedings by a person who is the subject of an order for the time being in force under section fifty-one of this Act."

Short title.

**2.** This Act may be cited as the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Act, 1959.