CHAPTER 110.

An Act to amend the provisions of the Solicitors Act, 1932, relative to the Disciplinary Committee.

[12th October 1939.]

BE it enacted by the King'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 :—

Amendment of s. 4 of Solicitors Act, 1932. 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 37.

1. In section four of the Solicitors Act, 1932, (which relates to the constitution of the Disciplinary Committee) the word "nine" shall be substituted for the word "seven" and accordingly the said section four shall have effect as set out in the Schedule to this Act.

Power for Disciplinary Committee to sit in divisions.

2. The Disciplinary Committee appointed under section four of the Solicitors Act, 1932, as amended by this Act may sit in two or more divisions. Each division shall be entitled to hear and determine any application under Part I of the said Act and shall be entitled to exercise all the powers of the Disciplinary Committee and any hearing by or determination or order of such a division shall be deemed to be a hearing by or determination or order of the Disciplinary Committee. A division shall act only while at least three members thereof are present. Each division shall appoint its own chairman.

Short and collective titles and extent.

3.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Solicitors (Disciplinary Committee) Act, 1939, and the Solicitors Acts, 1932 to 1936, and this Act may be cited together as the Solicitors Acts, 1932 to 1939.

(2) This Act shall not extend to Scotland or Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE.

Section 1.

SECTION 4 OF THE SOLICITORS ACT, 1932, AS AMENDED BY THIS ACT.

The Master of the Rolls shall appoint from among members of the Council of the Law Society and such former members of the Council as are practising as solicitors in England a disciplinary committee (in this Part of this Act referred to as "the Committee") consisting of such number of persons, not being less than three nor more than nine, as he may from time to time think fit, and may from time to time remove any member from the Committee and fill any vacancy therein and, subject to such limit as aforesaid, increase the number of the Committee.

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