



# Housing Act 1957

## 1957 CHAPTER 56

### PART I

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS AS RESPECTS LOCAL AUTHORITIES

#### **1 Local authorities for purposes of this Act**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the local authority for the purposes of this Act as respects England and Wales other than the administrative county of London shall be the council of the borough, urban district or rural district.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the local authority for the purposes of this Act as respects the administrative county of London shall be,—
  - (a) as respects the City of London, the Common Council,
  - (b) as respects the administrative county of London other than the City of London, the metropolitan borough council or the London County Council as hereinafter provided.

#### **2 Approval by Minister of proposals for exercise of local authorities' functions under Parts II and III**

- (1) It shall be the duty of a local authority in carrying out their functions under Parts II and III of this Act to have regard to the proposals in that behalf submitted by them to the Minister and approved by him before the commencement of this Act under the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, but subject to any modifications made by subsequent proposals approved by the Minister under this section.
- (2) A local authority may at any time, and if directed by the Minister shall within the period specified in the direction, submit further proposals for amplifying or modifying any proposals for dealing with unfit houses previously submitted by that authority and approved by the Minister; and the Minister may approve the further proposals with or without modifications.

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- (3) A copy of any proposals approved under this section shall be deposited at the offices of the local authority concerned, and shall be open to inspection without charge during ordinary office hours.
- (4) The proposals submitted under this section in respect of any metropolitan borough shall be proposals submitted jointly by the London County Council and the council of the borough.

### **3 Duty of local authority to inspect district and keep records**

- (1) It shall be the duty of every local authority to cause an inspection of their district to be made from time to time with a view to ascertaining whether any house therein is unfit for human habitation, and for that purpose it shall be the duty of the local authority, and of every officer of the local authority, to comply with such regulations and to keep such records as the Minister may prescribe.
- (2) As respects the administrative county of London other than the City of London the local authority for the purposes of this section shall be the council of the metropolitan borough.