



# Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954

## 1954 CHAPTER 53

### PART I

#### FURTHER PROVISIONS AS TO CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT, RECONDITIONING OF UNFIT HOUSES, AND OTHER AMENDMENTS OF HOUSING ACTS

#### *Supplemental*

#### **20 Management of houses retained by local authorities for temporary occupation**

- (1) In respect of any houses purchased or retained by a local authority under section two, section three or section four of this Act for temporary use for housing purposes, the authority shall have the like powers as they have in respect of houses provided under Part V of the principal Act.
- (2) Section two of the principal Act (which implies in certain contracts for the letting of houses for human habitation a condition that the house is and will be kept by the landlord reasonably fit for human habitation) shall not apply to a contract for the letting by a local authority of any house purchased or retained by the authority as mentioned in subsection (1) of this section.

#### **21 Application of Part I to London**

- (1) The proposals to be submitted under section one of this Act in respect of any metropolitan borough shall be submitted jointly by the London County Council and the council of the borough.
- (2) Paragraph (a) of the proviso to section thirty-three of the principal Act (which restricts the power of the council of a metropolitan borough to declare an area a clearance area pending the decision of the London County Council) shall cease to have effect.
- (3) In the application of section eight of this Act to the London County Council, the reference in subsection (1) of that section to the general rate fund shall be construed as a reference to the county fund.

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## **22 Interpretation and construction of Part I**

- (1) In this Part of this Act (including the First Schedule thereto) the expression " the principal Act" means the Housing Act, 1936.
- (2) Any reference in this Part of this Act (except in section five) to a demolition order under Part II of the principal Act shall be construed as including a reference to a closing order made in lieu of or in substitution for a demolition order by virtue of section ten or section eleven of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.
- (3) This Part of this Act shall be construed as one with the principal Act; and without prejudice to the foregoing provision—
  - (a) any reference in the principal Act to an enactment contained in that Act shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by this Part of this Act;
  - (b) any reference in that Act to Part II or Part III of that Act shall be construed as including a reference to section three of this Act, or to section two of this Act, as the case may be.