



Housing Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 51

PART IV

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE

88 Discretion of court in certain proceedings for possession

- (1) Where, under the terms of a rental purchase agreement, a person has been let into possession of a dwelling-house and, on the termination of the agreement or of his right to possession under it, proceedings are brought for the possession of the dwelling-house, the court may—
 - (a) adjourn the proceedings; or
 - (b) on making an order for the possession of the dwelling-house, stay or suspend execution of the order or postpone the date of possession;for such period or periods as the court thinks fit.
- (2) On any such adjournment, stay, suspension or postponement the court may impose such conditions with regard to payments by the person in possession in respect of his continued occupation of the dwelling-house and such other conditions as the court thinks fit.
- (3) The court may revoke or from time to time vary any condition imposed by virtue of this section.
- (4) In this section "rental purchase agreement" means an agreement for the purchase of a dwelling-house (whether freehold or leasehold property) under which the whole or part of the purchase price is to be paid in three or more instalments and the completion of the purchase is deferred until the whole or a specified part of the purchase price has been paid.
- (5) This section extends to proceedings for the possession of a dwelling-house which were begun before the commencement of this section unless an order for the possession of the dwelling-house was made in the proceedings and executed before the commencement of this section.