

Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993

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PART I

LANDLORD AND TENANT

CHAPTER II

INDIVIDUAL RIGHT OF TENANT OF FLAT TO ACQUIRE NEW LEASE

Applications to court or leasehold valuation tribunal

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- (1) Where the landlord has given the tenant—
 - (a) a counter-notice under section 45 which complies with the requirement set out in subsection (2)(a) of that section, or
 - (b) a further counter-notice required by or by virtue of section 46(4) or section 47(4) or (5),

but any of the terms of acquisition remain in dispute at the end of the period of two months beginning with the date when the counter-notice or further counter-notice was so given, a leasehold valuation tribunal may, on the application of either the tenant or the landlord, determine the matters in dispute.

- (2) Any application under subsection (1) must be made not later than the end of the period of six months beginning with the date on which the counter-notice or further counternotice was given to the tenant.
- (3) Where—
 - (a) the landlord has given the tenant such a counter-notice or further counternotice as is mentioned in subsection (1)(a) or (b), and

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(b) all the terms of acquisition have been either agreed between those persons or determined by a leasehold valuation tribunal under subsection (1),

but a new lease has not been entered into in pursuance of the tenant's notice by the end of the appropriate period specified in subsection (6), the court may, on the application of either the tenant or the landlord, make such order as it thinks fit with respect to the performance or discharge of any obligations arising out of that notice.

- (4) Any such order may provide for the tenant's notice to be deemed to have been withdrawn at the end of the appropriate period specified in subsection (6).
- (5) Any application for an order under subsection (3) must be made not later than the end of the period of two months beginning immediately after the end of the appropriate period specified in subsection (6).
- (6) For the purposes of this section the appropriate period is—
 - (a) where all of the terms of acquisition have been agreed between the tenant and the landlord, the period of two months beginning with the date when those terms were finally so agreed; or
 - (b) where all or any of those terms have been determined by a leasehold valuation tribunal under subsection (1)—
 - (i) the period of two months beginning with the date when the decision of the tribunal under subsection (1) becomes final, or
 - (ii) such other period as may have been fixed by the tribunal when making its determination.
- (7) In this Chapter "the terms of acquisition", in relation to a claim by a tenant under this Chapter, means the terms on which the tenant is to acquire a new lease of his flat, whether they relate to the terms to be contained in the lease or to the premium or any other amount payable by virtue of Schedule 13 in connection with the grant of the lease, or otherwise.