



Housing Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 52

PART V

CONDUCT OF TENANTS

[^{F1}CHAPTER 1A]

[^{F1}Supplementary

Textual Amendments

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Jurisdiction of county court

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- (1) A county court has jurisdiction—
 - (a) to determine questions arising under this Chapter;
 - (b) to entertain proceedings brought under this Chapter;
 - (c) to determine claims (for whatever amount) in connection with a demoted tenancy.
- (2) The jurisdiction includes jurisdiction to entertain proceedings as to whether a statement supplied in pursuance of section 143M(4)(b) (written statement of certain terms of tenancy) is accurate.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) it is immaterial that no relief other than a declaration is sought.

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- (4) If a person takes proceedings in the High Court which, by virtue of this section, he could have taken in the county court he is not entitled to recover any costs.
- (5) The Lord Chancellor may make such rules and give such directions as he thinks fit for the purposes of giving effect to this section.
- (6) The rules and directions may provide—
 - (a) for the exercise by a district judge of a county court of any jurisdiction exercisable under this section;
 - (b) for the conduct of proceedings in private.
- (7) The power to make rules must be exercised by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Meaning of dwelling house

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- (1) For the purposes of this Chapter a dwelling-house may be a house or a part of a house.
- (2) Land let together with a dwelling-house must be treated for the purposes of this Chapter as part of the dwelling-house unless the land is agricultural land which would not be treated as part of a dwelling-house for the purposes of Part 4 of the Housing Act 1985.

Members of a person's family

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- (1) For the purposes of this Chapter a person is a member of another's family if—
 - (a) he is the spouse of that person;
 - (b) he and that person live together as a couple in an enduring family relationship, but he does not fall within paragraph (c);
 - (c) he is that person's parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b) it is immaterial that two persons living together in an enduring family relationship are of the same sex.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1)(c)—
 - (a) a relationship by marriage must be treated as a relationship by blood;
 - (b) a relationship of the half-blood must be treated as a relationship of the whole blood;
 - (c) a stepchild of a person must be treated as his child.]

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