



Housing Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 52

PART VIII

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

General

223 Offences by body corporate.

- (1) Where an offence under this Act committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, or a person purporting to act in such a capacity, he as well as the body corporate is guilty of an offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (2) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, subsection (1) applies in relation to the acts and defaults of a member in connection with his functions of management as if he were a director of the body corporate.

224 The Common Council of the City of London.

- (1) The Common Council of the City of London may appoint a committee, consisting of so many persons as they think fit, for any purposes of this Act which in their opinion may be better regulated and managed by means of a committee.
- (2) A committee so appointed—
 - (a) shall consist as to a majority of its members of members of the Common Council, and
 - (b) shall not be authorised to borrow money or to make a rate,and shall be subject to any regulations and restrictions which may be imposed by the Common Council.
- (3) A person is not, by reason only of the fact that he occupies a house at a rental from the Common Council, disqualified from being elected or being a member of that Council

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or any committee of that Council; but no person shall vote as a member of that Council, or any such committee, on a resolution or question which is proposed or arises in pursuance of this Act and relates to land in which he is beneficially interested.

- (4) A person who votes in contravention of subsection (3) commits a summary offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale; but the fact of his giving the vote does not invalidate any resolution or proceeding of the authority.

225 The Isles of Scilly.

- (1) This Act applies to the Isles of Scilly subject to such exceptions, adaptations and modifications as the Secretary of State may by order direct.
- (2) An order shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

226 Corresponding provision for Northern Ireland.

An Order in Council under paragraph 1(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to the ^{M1}Northern Ireland Act 1974 (legislation for Northern Ireland in the interim period) which states that it is made only for purposes corresponding to those of section 120 (payment of housing benefit to third parties)—

- (a) shall not be subject to paragraph 1(4) and (5) of that Schedule (affirmative resolution of both Houses of Parliament), but
- (b) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Marginal Citations

M1 1974 c. 28.

227 Repeals.

The enactments specified in Schedule 19 are repealed to the extent specified.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 227 restricted (22.8.1996) by S.I. 1996/2212, art. 2(2), Sch. para 4.

Commencement Information

II S. 227 partly in force (for certain purposes) at:

25.9.1996, see s. 232(2)

1.10.1996 by S.I. 1996/2212, art. 2(2)

24.9.1996 and 1.10.1996 by S.I. 1996/2402, arts. 2, 3 (with transitional provisions and savings in the Sch. to that S.I.)

20.1.1997 and 1.4.1997 by S.I. 1996/2959, arts. 2, 3

28.2.1997 by s.I 1997/225, art. 2

3.3.1997 by S.I. 1997/596, art. 2

1.4.1997 by S.I. 1997/618, art. 2 (subject to the limitation in (2) of that art.)

1.9.1997 by S.I. 1997/1851, art. 2 (subject to the saving in Sch. para. 1 of that S.I.)

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228 Financial provisions.

- (1) There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament—
 - (a) any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred in consequence of this Act, and
 - (b) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment.
- (2) There shall be paid out of the National Loans Fund any increase attributable to this Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment.
- (3) Any sums received by the Secretary of State under this Act shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

229 Meaning of “lease” and “tenancy” and related expressions.

- (1) In this Act “lease” and “tenancy” have the same meaning.
- (2) Both expressions include—
 - (a) a sub-lease or a sub-tenancy, and
 - (b) an agreement for a lease or tenancy (or sub-lease or sub-tenancy).
- (3) The expressions “lessor” and “lessee” and “landlord” and “tenant”, and references to letting, to the grant of a lease or to covenants or terms, shall be construed accordingly.

230 Minor definitions: general.

In this Act—

“assured tenancy”, “assured shorthold tenancy” and “assured agricultural occupancy” have the same meaning as in Part I of the ^{M2}Housing Act 1988;
“enactment” includes an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the ^{M3}Interpretation Act 1978);
“housing action trust” has the same meaning as in the Housing Act 1988;
“housing association” has the same meaning as in the ^{M4}Housing Associations Act 1985;
“introductory tenancy” and “introductory tenant” have the same meaning as in Chapter I of Part V of this Act;
“local housing authority” has the same meaning as in the ^{M5}Housing Act 1985;
“registered social landlord” has the same meaning as in Part I of this Act;
“secure tenancy” and “secure tenant” have the same meaning as in Part IV of the Housing Act 1985.

Marginal Citations

- M2** 1988 c. 50.
M3 1978 c. 30.
M4 1985 c. 69.
M5 1985 c. 68.

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