



# Housing Act 1957

## 1957 CHAPTER 56

### PART VII

#### GENERAL

##### *General Powers of Minister*

#### **178 Power of Minister to prescribe forms, etc.**

- (1) The Minister may by regulations prescribe anything which by this Act is to be prescribed and the form of any notice, advertisement, statement or other document which is required or authorised to be used under, or for the purposes of, this Act:

Provided that this subsection shall not apply to a notice under section twenty-six or section thirty of this Act.

- (2) The power of making regulations under this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

#### **179 Dispensation with advertisements and notices**

- (1) The Minister may dispense with the publication of advertisements or the service of notices required to be published or served by a local authority under this Act, if he is satisfied that there is reasonable cause for dispensing with the publication or service:

Provided that this subsection shall not apply to a notice under section twenty-six or section thirty of this Act.

- (2) Any such dispensation may be given by the Minister either before or after the time at which the advertisement is required to be published or the notice is required to be served, and either unconditionally, or upon such conditions as to the publication of other advertisements or the service of other notices or otherwise as the Minister thinks fit, due care being taken by him to prevent the interests of any persons being prejudiced by the dispensation.

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## **180 Provisions as to orders made by Minister**

- (1) All orders made by the Minister in pursuance of this Act shall be binding and conclusive in respect of the matters to which they refer, and shall be published in such manner as the Minister may direct.
- (2) The reasonable costs of any local authority in respect of provisional orders made in pursuance of this Act, and of the inquiry preliminary thereto, as sanctioned by the Minister, shall be deemed to be expenses properly incurred for purposes of this Act by the local authority interested in such provisional orders, and such costs shall be paid accordingly; and if thought expedient by the Minister, the local authority may contract a loan for the purposes of defraying such costs.

## **181 Local inquiries and reports**

- (1) For the purpose of the execution of his powers and duties under this Act, the Minister may cause such local inquiries to be held as he may think fit.
- (2) If it appears to the Minister that owing to density of population, or any other reason, it is expedient to inquire into the circumstances of any area with a view to determining whether any powers under this Act should be put into force in that area or not, the Minister may require the local authority to make a report to him containing such particulars as to the population of the district and other matters as he may direct, and the local authority shall comply with the requirement of the Minister, and any expenses incurred by them in so doing shall be paid as expenses incurred in the execution of such Part, of this Act as the Minister may determine.

## **182 Arrangements between the Minister and other Departments**

The Minister may make arrangements with any other Government Department for the exercise and performance by that Department of any of his powers and duties under this Act which in his opinion could be more conveniently so exercised and performed, and in that case that Department and the officers thereof shall have the same powers and duties as are by this Act conferred on the Minister and his officers.