



# Housing Act 1957

## 1957 CHAPTER 56

### PART VII

#### GENERAL

##### *Default of local authorities*

#### **177 Power of London County Council in the event of default of metropolitan borough council**

- (1) Where a complaint has been made to the Minister by the London County Council that the council of a metropolitan borough have failed—
  - (a) to exercise their powers under section eighteen of this Act in a case where those powers ought to have been exercised; or
  - (b) to make an inspection of their borough under section seventy-six of this Act or, within a reasonable period, to complete the inspection and to submit the report thereon; or
  - (c) to enforce the provisions of Part IV of this Act;the Minister, if satisfied after due inquiry that there has been such a failure on the part of that council, may make an order declaring that council to be in default and directing that council to exercise such powers as may be necessary for the purpose of remedying the default in such manner and within such time as may be specified in the order.
- (2) If the council to whom the order is addressed fail to comply with any requirement thereof within the time limited thereby for compliance therewith, the Minister may make an order directing the London County Council to perform such of the obligations of the metropolitan borough council under the original order within such time as may be specified in his order addressed to the London County Council.
- (3) An order under the last foregoing subsection may provide that section two hundred and ninety-two of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936, shall, subject to such modifications and adaptations as may be specified in the order, apply in relation to

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the obligations specified therein as it applies in relation to duties which the London County Council are appointed to perform under that section.

- (4) The Minister's powers of making orders under this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.