



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.

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F²(4)

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 224(3) omitted (26.12.2023) by virtue of [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 83(2), 255(2)(s)** (with s. 247)
- F2** S. 224(4) omitted (26.12.2023) by virtue of [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 83(2), 255(2)(s)** (with s. 247)

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

- I1** 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.)

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

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;

[^{F3}“contract-holder” has the same meaning as in the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 1) (see section 7 (see also section 48) of that Act);]

“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;

[^{F3}“introductory standard contract” has the same meaning as in the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (see section 16 of that Act);]

“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;

[^{F3}“secure contract” has the same meaning as in the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (see section 8 of that Act);]

“secure tenancy” and “secure tenant” have the same meaning as in Part IV of the Housing Act 1985.

[^{F3}“standard contract” has the same meaning as in the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (see section 8 of that Act).]

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Textual Amendments

F3 Words in s. 230 inserted (1.12.2022) by [The Renting Homes \(Wales\) Act 2016 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1166\)](#), regs. 1(1), **25(16)** (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2022/1172](#), regs. 4-7, 19)

Marginal Citations

M2 1988 c. 50.

M3 1978 c. 30.

M4 1985 c. 69.

M5 1985 c. 68.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) savings for amendments by 2018 anaw 1, s. 6, Sch. 6 by [S.I. 2019/110 reg. 5](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172 Regulations](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 124(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 20\(2\)](#)
- s. 124(6) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 20\(6\)](#)
- s. 124A124B inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 21](#)
- s. 125A(3A)(3B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 22\(3\)](#)
- s. 130A inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 7](#)
- s. 133(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 143J(3A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 13\(2\)](#)
- s. 143J(7)(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2022/1166 reg. 25\(11\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment comes into force immediately after 2016 c. 22, s. 120 and Sch. 8 para. 13(3) come into force)
- s. 143GA143GB inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 10](#)
- s. 143MA(3A)-(3D) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 27\(3\)](#)
- s. 143MB inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 28](#)