

# Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 2011 asp 8

#### PART 2

#### DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### Application and referral

## 18 Referral to homeowner housing committee

- (1) The president of the homeowner housing panel must decide whether to—
  - (a) refer an application under section 17(1) to a homeowner housing committee, or
  - (b) reject the application.
- (2) The president may reject an application only if the president considers—
  - (a) that it is vexatious or frivolous,
  - (b) that the homeowner has not afforded the property factor a reasonable opportunity to resolve the dispute,
  - (c) where the homeowner has previously made an identical or substantially similar application in relation to the same property, that a reasonable period of time has not elapsed between the applications, or
  - (d) that the dispute to which the application relates has been resolved.
- (3) The president must make a decision under subsection (1)—
  - (a) within 14 days of the panel's receipt of the application concerned, or
  - (b) where the president considers—
    - (i) that the decision cannot be made without further information, or
    - (ii) that there is a reasonable prospect of the dispute being resolved by the parties,

by such later date as the president considers reasonable.

- (4) The president must, as soon as practicable after rejecting an application, give notice of the rejection—
  - (a) to the homeowner, and

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- (b) where the president is aware of the name and address of a person who acts for the homeowner in relation to the application, to that person.
- (5) Such a notice must—
  - (a) set out the reasons for the rejection, and
  - (b) explain the procedure for appealing against it.