

# Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015

**2015 CHAPTER 26** 

# PART 10

### INSOLVENCY

# Position of creditors

# 125 Ability for creditors to opt not to receive certain notices: individual insolvency

- (1) The Insolvency Act 1986 is amended as follows.
- (2) For the italic heading before section 379B substitute— " Giving of notices etc by office-holders ".
- (3) After section 379B insert—

# "379C Creditors' ability to opt out of receiving certain notices

- (1) Any provision of the rules which requires an office-holder to give a notice to creditors of an individual does not apply, in circumstances prescribed by the rules, in relation to opted-out creditors.
- (2) Subsection (1)—
  - (a) does not apply in relation to a notice of a distribution or proposed distribution to creditors;
  - (b) is subject to any order of the court requiring a notice to be given to all creditors (or all creditors of a particular category).
- (3) Except as provided by the rules, a creditor may participate and vote in a creditors' decision procedure or a deemed consent procedure even though, by virtue of being an opted-out creditor, the creditor does not receive notice of it.

(4) In this section—

"give" includes deliver, furnish or send;

- "notice" includes any document or information in any other form; "office-holder", in relation to an individual, means—
- (a) where a bankruptcy order is made against the individual, the official receiver or the trustee in bankruptcy;
- (b) where an interim receiver of the individual's property is appointed, the interim receiver;
- (c) the supervisor of a voluntary arrangement approved under Part 8 in relation to the individual."
- (4) After section 383 insert—

### "383A "Opted-out creditor"

- (1) For the purposes of this Group of Parts "opted-out creditor" in relation to an office-holder for an individual means a person who—
  - (a) is a creditor of the individual, and
  - (b) in accordance with the rules has elected (or is deemed to have elected) to be (and not to cease to be) an opted-out creditor in relation to the office-holder.
- (2) In this section, "office-holder", in relation to an individual, means-
  - (a) where a bankruptcy order is made against the individual, the official receiver or the trustee in bankruptcy;
  - (b) where an interim receiver of the individual's property is appointed, the interim receiver;
  - (c) the supervisor of a voluntary arrangement approved under Part 8 in relation to the individual."
- (5) In Schedule 9 (provisions capable of inclusion in individual insolvency rules), after paragraph 7 insert—
  - "7A Provision for enabling a creditor of an individual to elect to be, or to cease to be, an opted-out creditor in relation to an office-holder for the individual (within the meaning of section 383A), including, in particular, provision—
    - (a) for requiring an office-holder to provide information to creditors about how they may elect to be, or cease to be, opted-out creditors;
    - (b) for deeming an election to be, or cease to be, an opted-out creditor in relation to a particular office-holder for an individual to be such an election also in relation to any other office-holder for the individual."

### **Commencement Information**

II S. 125 in force at 26.5.2015 for specified purposes by S.I. 2015/1329, reg. 3(d)

### Status:

Point in time view as at 30/06/2016. This version of this provision has been superseded.

### Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015, Section 125.