



Rent Act 1977

1977 CHAPTER 42

PART XI

GENERAL

Jurisdiction and procedure

141 County court jurisdiction.

- (1) [^{F1}The county court] shall have jurisdiction, either in the course of any proceedings relating to a dwelling or on an application made for the purpose by the landlord or the tenant, to determine any question—
- (a) as to whether a tenancy is a protected tenancy or whether any person is a statutory tenant of a dwelling-house, . . . ^{F2} or
 - (b) as to the rent limit; or
 - (c) ^{F3}
 - (d) as to the application of Part V and sections 103 to 106 of this Act to a contract; or
 - (e) as to whether a protected, statutory or regulated tenancy is a protected, statutory or regulated furnished tenancy;
- or as to any matter which is or may become material for determining any such question.

(2) ^{F4}

- (3) [^{F1}The county court] shall have jurisdiction to [^{F1}deal with any claim or other proceedings arising out of any of the provisions of this Act specified in subsection (5) below, notwithstanding that by reason of the amount of the claim or otherwise the case would not, apart from this subsection, be within the jurisdiction of [^{F1}the county court] .

[^{F5}(4) If, under any of the provisions of this Act specified in subsection (5) below, a person takes proceedings in the High Court which he could have taken in the county court, he shall not be entitled to recover any costs.]

[^{F5}(5) The provisions referred to in subsections (3) and (4) above are—

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- (a) ^{F6}
- (b) in Part III, section 57;
- (c) Part VII, except sections 98(2) and 101;
- (d) in Part IX, sections 125 and 126;
- (e) in Part X, sections 133(1), 134 and 135; and
- (f) in this Part of this Act, [^{F7}section] 145.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 141 substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 52](#); [S.I. 2014/954, art. 2\(c\)](#) (with [art. 3](#)) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)
- F2** Words repealed by [Housing Act 1980 \(c. 51, SIF 61\)](#), [Sch. 26](#)
- F3** S. 141(1)(c) repealed by [Housing Act 1980 \(c. 51, SIF 61\)](#), [Sch. 26](#)
- F4** Ss. 15(6), 17, 18(3)(4), 24(1)(2), 27–43, 50, 53, 67(6), 70(5), 76, 79(4), 86(5), 91, 92(6)(7), 108–113, 115, 117, 130, 133–135, 141(2), 155(1), Sch. 1 para. 8, Schs. 3, 4, 6, Sch. 7 para. 4, Sch. 10 para. 10, Sch. 11 paras. 13, 14 and 15–25, Sch. 13, Sch. 14 para. 6, Sch. 17 paras. 10, 11, Sch. 19, Sch. 20 paras. 1(6)(7), 4, Schs. 21, 22, Sch. 23 paras. 1, 4(g)–(i), 37, 38 repealed by [Housing Act 1980 \(c. 51, SIF 61\)](#), [Sch. 26](#)
- F5** S. 141(4)(5) repealed (*prosp.*) by [Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 \(c. 41, SIF 76:1\)](#), ss. 123(3)(4), 125(7), [Sch. 20](#)
- F6** S. 141(5)(a) repealed by [Housing Act 1980 \(c. 51, SIF 61\)](#), [Sch. 26](#)
- F7** Words in s. 141(5) substituted (6.4.2014) by virtue of [Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 148, [Sch. 14 para. 33](#) (with s. 89); [S.I. 2014/768, art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#)

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- s. 141(4)(5) repealed by [1990 c. 41 Sch. 20](#)