



Rent Act 1977

1977 CHAPTER 42

PART V

RENTS UNDER RESTRICTED CONTRACTS

Control of rents

77 Reference of contracts to ^{F1}... tribunals and obtaining by them of information.

- (1) Either the lessor or the lessee under a restricted contract . . . ^{F2} may refer the contract to the [^{F3}appropriate] tribunal . . . ^{F4}.
- (2) Where a restricted contract is referred to [^{F5}the appropriate] tribunal under subsection (1) above they may, by notice in writing served on the lessor, require him to give to them, within such period (not less than 7 days from the date of the service of the notice) as may be specified in the notice, such information as they may reasonably require regarding such of the prescribed particulars relating to the contract as are specified in the notice.
- (3) If, within the period specified in a notice under subsection (2) above, the lessor fails without reasonable cause to comply with the provisions of the notice he shall be liable on a first conviction to a fine not exceeding £50 and on a second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding £100.
- (4) Proceedings for an offence under this section shall not be instituted otherwise than by the local authority.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 77 heading omitted (1.7.2013) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 19(a)** (with Sch. 3)
- F2** Words repealed by [Housing Act 1988 \(c. 50, SIF 61, 75:1\)](#), s. 140, Sch. 17 para. 23, **Sch. 18**
- F3** Word in s. 77(1) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 19(b)** (with Sch. 3)

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects
for the Rent Act 1977, Section 77. (See end of Document for details)*

- F4** Words repealed by [Housing Act 1980 \(c. 51, SIF 61\)](#), **Sch. 26**
- F5** Words in s. 77(2) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 19(c)** (with Sch. 3)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 35** (in relation to liability on first and subsequent convictions), 38 (increase of fines) and 46 (substitution of references to levels on the standard scale) apply (E.W.)

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There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Rent Act 1977, Section 77.