



Insolvency Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 45

PART IX

BANKRUPTCY

CHAPTER II

PROTECTION OF BANKRUPT'S ESTATE AND INVESTIGATION OF HIS AFFAIRS

286 Power to appoint interim receiver.

(1) The court may, if it is shown to be necessary for the protection of the debtor's property, at any time after the presentation of a bankruptcy petition and before making a bankruptcy order, appoint the official receiver [^{F1}or an insolvency practitioner] to be interim receiver of the debtor's property.

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(3) The court may by an order appointing any person to be an interim receiver direct that his powers shall be limited or restricted in any respect; but, save as so directed, an interim receiver has, in relation to the debtor's property, all the rights, powers, duties and immunities [^{F3}given by] the next section.

(4) An order of the court appointing any person to be an interim receiver shall require that person to take immediate possession of the debtor's property or, as the case may be, the part of it to which his powers as interim receiver are limited.

(5) Where an interim receiver has been appointed, the debtor shall give him such inventory of his property and such other information, and shall attend on the interim receiver at such times, as the latter may for the purpose of carrying out his functions under this section reasonably require.

(6) Where an interim receiver is appointed, section 285(3) applies for the period between the appointment and the making of a bankruptcy order on the petition, or the dismissal of the petition, as if the appointment were the making of such an order.

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- (7) A person ceases to be interim receiver of a debtor's property if the bankruptcy petition relating to the debtor is dismissed, if a bankruptcy order is made on the petition or if the court by order otherwise terminates the appointment.
- (8) References in this section to the debtor's property are to all his property, whether or not it would be comprised in his estate if he were [^{F4}made] bankrupt.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 286(1) inserted (6.4.2017) by Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), s. 115(7), **Sch. 6 para. 13(1)** (with **Sch. 6 para. 13(2)**); S.I. 2016/1016, art. 2(b)
- F2** S. 286(2) omitted (6.4.2016) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 19 para. 17(2)**; S.I. 2016/191, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F3** Words in s. 286(3) substituted (6.4.2017) by Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (c. 26), s. 164(1), **Sch. 10 para. 2**; S.I. 2016/1020, reg. 4(f)
- F4** Word in s. 286(8) substituted (6.4.2016) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 19 para. 17(3)**; S.I. 2016/191, art. 2 (with art. 3)
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 286(1)(3)-(8) applied with modifications by S.I. 1986/1999, art. 3, **Sch. 1 Pt. II**

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

- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 1986/1999, art. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 by [S.I. 2017/1119 Sch. 3 para. 1](#)
- 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. 41HB(2) words substituted by [2018 c. 14 s. 1\(3\)\(b\)](#)