



Social Security Administration Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 5

^{x1}Housing benefit and community charge benefits

176 Consultation with representative organisations

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, before making—
- (a) [^{F1}regulations relating to housing benefit or [^{F2}council tax benefit] (other than regulations of which the effect is to increase any amount specified in regulations previously made);]
 - [^{F3}(aa) regulations under section 69 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000;]
 - (b) [^{F4}an order under [^{F4}any provision of Part VIII above].]
- the Secretary of State shall consult with organisations appearing to him to be representative of the authorities concerned.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) above shall require the Secretary of State to undertake consultations if—
- (a) it appears to him that by reason of the urgency of the matter it is inexpedient to do so; or
 - (b) the organisations have agreed that consultations should not be undertaken.
- (3) Where the Secretary of State has undertaken such consultations, he may make any regulations or order to which the consultations relate without completing the consultations if it appears to him that by reason of the urgency of the matter it is expedient to do so.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 176(1)(a)(b) repealed (1.4.2013 in so far as relate to the abolition of council tax benefit) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\)](#), s. 150(3), [Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#); S.I. 2013/358, art. 8(c), [Sch. 4](#) (with arts. 9, 10, [Sch. 5](#))
- F2** Words in s. 176(1)(a) substituted (1.4.1993) by [Local Government Finance Act 1992 \(c. 14\)](#), s. 118(4), [Sch. 9 para. 23](#)

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- F3** S. 176(1)(aa) inserted (1.11.2000 for specified purposes, 2.7.2001 in so far as not already in force) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19), **ss. 69, 86**; S.I. 2000/2950, **art. 3(a)**; S.I. 2001/1252, **art. 2(2)(b)**
- F4** Words in s. 176(1)(b) substituted (1.4.1997) by Housing Act 1996 (c. 52), s. 232(3), **Sch. 13 para. 3(4)**; S.I. 1997/618, **art. 2(1)** (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 176 excluded (16.3.2016 for specified purposes, 7.11.2016 in so far as not already in force) by Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 (c. 7), **ss. 8(10), 36(3)**; S.I. 2016/910, reg. 2)
- C2** S. 176 excluded by Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5), **s. 96A(8)** (as inserted (16.3.2016 for specified purposes, 7.11.2016 in so far as not already in force) by Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 (c. 7), **ss. 9(1), 36(3)**; S.I. 2016/910, reg. 2)

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

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2018/1125 reg. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2018/1125, reg. 8 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24), s. 4(3), Sch. 5 para. 4(4))
- Act modified by [S.I. 2019/1302 art. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk S.I. 2019/1302 revoked (17.12.2020) by The Social Security (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) (Citizens' Rights Agreement) (Revocation) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/1569), arts. 1(2), 2)
- Act modified by [S.I. 2019/1303 art. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/1303 revoked (17.12.2020) by The Social Security (Switzerland) (Citizens' Rights Agreement) (Revocation) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/1570), arts. 1(2), 2)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 2G(1)(d) inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 59\(5\)](#)
- s. 5(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 22\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 22 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 101(2); S.I. 2013/358, art. 4(2))
- s. 78A inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 16\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 121B(1)(aa) inserted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 19\(a\)](#) (S. 121B repealed by Finance Act 2008 (c. 9), Sch. 43 para. 14)
- s. 121B(4) words inserted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 19\(b\)](#) (S. 121B repealed by Finance Act 2008 (c. 9), Sch. 43 para. 14)
- s. 122F(5) inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 4 para. 12\(4\)](#)
- s. 122G inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 18](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 122H inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 20\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 134(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 134(2) by [2007 c. 5 s. 37](#)
- s. 148AB inserted by [2008 c. 30 Sch. 4 para. 14](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 4 paras. 13-22 repealed (1.10.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 19, Sch. 12 para. 96(c); S.I. 2014/2377, art. 2(1)(a)(ii)(3)(c))
- s. 148AB(1)(2) words substituted by [2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 148AB(9) inserted by [2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 8\(3\)](#)
- s. 151(10)(b)(i)(ii) repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 160C inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 2 para. 24](#)
- s. 165(1)(b)(viii) and word inserted by [2023 c. 20 Sch. para. 19\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 190(1)(ac) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 21](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- Sch. 4 Pt. 3 para. 5 word substituted by [S.I. 2010/978 art. 2](#)