



# Housing Act 1957

## CHAPTER 56

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- 4 Except by leave of the Court of Appeal, no appeal...
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- 2 There shall be excluded from the order any houses or...
- 3 (1) Before submitting the order to the Minister the local...
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- 1 (1) The Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Act, 1946, shall...
- 2 (1) In the case of a compulsory purchase under Part...

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- 1 Local bonds shall— (a) be secured upon all the rates,...
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- 4 The housing scheme shall provide that any land acquired under...
- 5 If the Minister does not hold a local inquiry with...
- 6 The Minister may, as a condition of his approval of...
- 7 Before approving any scheme the Minister may, if he thinks...
- 8 If the undertakers enter on any dwellings in contravention of...
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- 10 The Minister may, on the application of the undertakers, modify...
- 11 For the purposes of this Schedule— (a) the expression "...

#### TENTH SCHEDULE — Adaptation of References to Enactments in Housing Acts

##### *The Local Government Act, 1933(23 & 24 Geo. 5 c. 51)*

- 1 In paragraph (c) of section two hundred and seventeen the...
- 2 In the Seventh Schedule for the reference to the Housing...
- 3 In the Eighth Schedule the references to the Housing Acts,...

##### *The County Courts Act, 1934(24 & 25 Geo. 5 c. 53)*

##### *The London Government Act, 1939(2 & 3 Geo. 6 c. 40)*

- 1 In subsection (1) of section one hundred and thirty-four, in...
- 2 In the Fifth Schedule for the reference to the Housing...

##### *The Town and Country Planning Act, 1944(7 & 8 Geo. 6 c. 47)*

- 1 In subsection (2) of section thirty the reference to section...
- 2 (1) In paragraph 9 of the Fifth Schedule the reference...

##### *The Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954(2 & 3 Eliz. 2 c. 53)*

##### *The Requisitioned Houses and Housing (Amendment) Act, 1955(3 & 4 Eliz. 2 c. 24)*

##### *The Rent Act, 1957(5 & 6 Eliz. 2 c. 25)*

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