



# Landlord and Tenant Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 70

### *Service charges*

#### **20C Limitation of service charges: costs of court proceedings.**

- (1) A tenant may make an application to the appropriate court for an order that all or any of the costs incurred, or to be incurred, by the landlord in connection with any proceedings are not to be regarded as relevant costs to be taken into account in determining the amount of any service charge payable by the tenant or any other person or persons specified in the application; and the court may make such order on the application as it considers just and equitable in the circumstances.
- (2) In subsection (1) “the appropriate court” means—
  - (a) if the application is made in the course of the proceedings in question, the court before which the proceedings are taking place; and
  - (b) if the application is made after those proceedings are concluded, a county court.

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 20C excluded by S.I. 1988/1283, art. 2, **Sch. para. 5**
- C2** S. 20C amended by Housing Act 1988 (c. 50, SIF 61), **s. 79(12)**
- C3** Ss. 18-30 modified (1.4.1995) by S.I. 1995/401, art. 18, **Sch. para. 10(b)**  
Ss. 18-30 extended (5.7.1994) by 1994 c. 19, ss. 39, 66(2)(b), **Sch. 13 para. 23(b)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2))

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

Landlord and Tenant Act 1985, Section 20C is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 10 February 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.