



Local Government and Housing Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 42

An Act to make provision with respect to the members, officers and other staff and the procedure of local authorities; to amend Part III of the Local Government Act 1974 and Part II of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 and to provide for a national code of local government conduct; to make further provision about the finances and expenditure of local authorities (including provision with respect to housing subsidies) and about companies in which local authorities have interests; to make provision for and in connection with renewal areas, grants towards the cost of improvement and repair of housing accommodation and the carrying out of works of maintenance, repair and improvement; to amend the Housing Act 1985 and Part III of the Local Government Finance Act 1982; to make amendments of and consequential upon Parts I, II and IV of the Housing Act 1988; to amend the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc. (Scotland) Act 1987 and certain enactments relating, as respects Scotland, to rating and valuation, and to provide for the making of grants; to make provision with respect to the imposition of charges by local authorities; to make further provision about certain existing grants and about financial assistance to and planning by local authorities in respect of emergencies; to amend sections 102 and 211 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973; to amend the Local Land Charges Act 1975; to enable local authorities in Wales to be known solely by Welsh language names; to provide for the transfer of new town housing stock; to amend certain of the provisions of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 relating to a secure tenant's right to purchase his house; to amend section 47 of the Race Relations Act 1976; to confer certain powers on the Housing Corporation, Housing for Wales and Scottish Homes; to make provision about security of tenure for certain tenants under long tenancies; to provide for the making of grants and giving of guarantees in respect of certain activities carried on in relation to the construction industry; to provide for the repeal of certain enactments relating to improvement notices, town development and education support grants; to make, as respects Scotland, further provision in relation to the phasing of progression to registered rent for houses let by housing associations or Scottish Homes and in relation to the circumstances in which rent increases under assured tenancies may be secured; and for connected purposes.

[16th November 1989]

Changes to legislation: Local Government and Housing Act 1989, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 April 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. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

^{X1}Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Editorial Information

- X1** The text of ss. 74–138, 157, 161–183, 190–193, 194(1), 195, Schs. 4, 9, Sch. 11 paras. 31, 32, 42, 58, 62–88, 93–95, 99, 100, 107, 110–112 was taken from S.I.F. Group 61 (Housing), ss. 187, 193, 195 from S.I.F. Group 64 (Industrial Development), ss. 149(6), 186, 190–193, 194(1), 195, Schs. 7, 10, Sch. 11 paras. 8–13, 49–54, 60, 61, 89–91, 101–106, 108, 109, 112 from S.I.F. Group 75:1 (Landlord and Tenant: General, E.&W.), ss. 1(1)–(3)(5)–(8), 2–13, 15–22, 23(1), 24–26, 28, 30(2), 31, 32(1), 33–35, 36(1)–(8), 37–73, 139, 146–158, 160, 184, 188–195, Schs. 1–3, 5, 8, Sch. 11 paras. 1–7, 14, 16–30, 37–41, 47, 48, 56, 57, 59, 92, 96–98, 113, Sch. 11 paras. 1–7, 14, 16–30, 37–41, 47, 48, 56, 57, 59, 92, 96–98, 113, Sch. 12 from S.I.F. Group 81:1 (Local Government: General, E.&W.), and ss. 1(1)(2)(4)–(8), 2–12, 14–21, 23(2), 27, 29, 30(1), 31, 32(2), 36(9), 140–145, 150–153, 155, 157, 159, 185, 190, 192, 194(1), 195, Schs. 1, 6, Sch. 11 paras. 15, 33–36, 43–46, 55, 96, 97 from S.I.F. Group 81:2 (Local Government: General, S.).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act: (except ss. 43(2), 53(1) and 54(1) so far as they relate to a fire authority or police authority, and except s. 43(3)) transfer of functions (W.) (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/672](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1](#)
- C2** Act modified (1.12.2008) by [The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/3002\)](#), [art. 7](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)) (see [S.I. 2008/3068](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#))
- C3** Act applied (with modifications) (E.W.) (21.3.2024) by [The South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority \(Election of Mayor and Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions\) Order 2024 \(S.I. 2024/414\)](#), [arts. 1\(2\), 5](#), [Sch. 1 para. 9](#)

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

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

- s. 65(2)(b)(ii) inserted by [2004 c. 23 Sch. 2 para. 11](#) (Pt. IV repealed (18.11.2003 for E. for the repeal of ss. 45, 53, 27.11.2003 for W. for the purpose of and in relation to financial years beginning on or after 1st April 2004, and 1.4.2004 for E. in so far as not already in force) by Local Government Act 2003 (c. 26), s. 128(6), Sch. 7 para. 29; S.I. 2003/2938, arts. 3(h), 7(b) (with art. 8, Sch.); S.I. 2003/3034, art. 2, Sch. 1 Pt. I (with Sch. 2 para. 2))
- s. 76A76B inserted by [2014 c. 29 s. 24\(2\)](#)
- s. 87(1A) inserted by [2014 c. 29 s. 24\(5\)](#)