



# Public Health (Scotland) Act 1897

1897 CHAPTER 38 60 and 61 Vict

## PART IX

### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

#### *Enforcement of and Procedure under Act*

**<sup>F1</sup>146 Procedure if local authority neglect its duty under Act. Procedure under 18 & 19 Vict. c. 68.**

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#### **Textual Amendments**

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#### **Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 147, 152, 159, 160, 167 repealed by [Local Government \(Scotland\) Act 1947 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 381, **Sch. 14**

**<sup>F1</sup>148 Procurator fiscal may sue by directions of Board.**

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**F1 149 Procedure where nuisance beyond district.**

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**F1 150 Local authority may require payment of costs, &c from owner or occupier, and occupier paying to deduct from rent.**

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**F1 151 Penalty for wilful damage of works.**

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**<sup>F1</sup>153 Recovery of penalties.**

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**Textual Amendments**

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**<sup>F1</sup>154 Form of applications to the sheriff, &c.**

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**<sup>F1</sup>155 No written pleadings &c. allowed.**

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**<sup>F1</sup>156 Appeal in certain cases.**

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**F1 156A Appeal to sheriff or sheriff principal in certain cases: sections 54, 55 and 96**

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**F1 156B Further appeal to sheriff principal: section 96 decision**

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**Textual Amendments**

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**F1 156C Further appeal to Court of Session: sections 54, 55 and 96**

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**Textual Amendments**

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**F1 156D Effect of appeal in relation to section 54 order, section 55 direction or section 96 decision**

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**Textual Amendments**

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**F1 157 No appeal otherwise.**

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**Textual Amendments**

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**F1 158 Justices, &c. being members of local authority may act.**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Act repealed (1.4.2009 for the purpose of the repeals of ss. 68, 70, 71, 1.10.2009 except in so far as it relates to the repeals of ss. 32, 73(1), 161 and 164, 1.1.2010 for the purpose of the repeal of s. 32) by Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 (asp 5), s. 128(2), **sch. 3 Pt. 1** (with s. 127); S.S.I. 2009/9, art. 2(b), **sch. 2**, S.S.I. 2009/319, art. 2(a), **sch. 1** (with art. 3, sch. 2 para. 2), S.S.I. 2009/404, art. 2(3), **sch. 3**

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**160.**

**Textual Amendments**

**F4** Ss. 147, 152, 159, 160, 167 repealed by Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947 (c. 43), s. 381, **Sch. 14**

**161 One or more joint owners may be proceeded against alone.**

In case of any demand or complaint under this Act to which two or more parties, whether as owners or occupiers of premises, may be jointly answerable, it shall be sufficient to proceed against any one or more of them without proceeding against the others or other of them, and any one or more of such persons may be proceeded against, notwithstanding that the acts or defaults of any one or more of them would not separately be an offence against this Act; but nothing herein contained shall prevent the parties so proceeded against from recovering relief in any case in which they would now be entitled to relief by law. Proceedings against several persons included in one demand or complaint shall not lapse by reason of the death of any one or more of such persons, but all such proceedings may be carried on as if the deceased persons had not been originally so included. Whenever in any proceeding under the provisions of this Act relating to nuisances it becomes necessary to mention or refer to the owner

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or occupier of any premises, it shall be sufficient to designate him as the owner or occupier of such premises without name or further description.

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

C1 S. 161 applied (27.8.1993) by 1993 c. 11, ss. 62(2)(a)(i), 68(2).

**<sup>F1</sup>162 Penalty on occupier obstructing owner.**

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**Textual Amendments**

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**<sup>F1</sup>163 Penalty for violating Act or obstructing its execution.**

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**Textual Amendments**

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**164 Compensation to be made.**

Full compensation shall be made, out of any fund or assessment applicable to the purposes of this Act, to all persons sustaining any damage by reason of the exercise of any of the powers of this Act, except when otherwise specially provided; and in case of dispute, if the sum claimed do not exceed the sum of fifty pounds sterling, the same may be ascertained on a summary application by either party to the [<sup>F5</sup>sheriff or sheriff principal], whose decision shall be final and not subject to review, unless when pronounced by the [<sup>F5</sup>sheriff], in which case it may be reviewed by the [<sup>F5</sup>sheriff principal] on appeal; and when the sum claimed exceeds fifty pounds sterling, such compensation shall be ascertained and disposed of by a sole arbiter appointed in manner set forth in sub-section eleven of section one hundred and forty-five of this Act.

**Textual Amendments**

F5 Words substituted by virtue of [Sheriff Courts \(Scotland\) Act 1971 \(c. 58\)](#), s. 4

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

**C2** S. 164 applied (27.8.1993) by 1993 c. 11, ss. 62(2)(a)(i), 68(2).

**F1 165 Convictions not void for want of form.**

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**Textual Amendments**

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**F1 166 Local authority or Board not liable for irregularity of their officers.**

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**Textual Amendments**

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**Textual Amendments**

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**F1 168 Exemption from stamp duties.**

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**F1 169 Police constables to aid in executing Act.**

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**F1 170 Act not to impair right of action, &c.**

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**Textual Amendments**

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**F1 171 Powers of Act cumulative.**

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