

# Local Authorities (Removal of Council Tax Restrictions) Bill

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Make provision for the removal of restrictions on principal local authorities in England to set levels of council tax; and for connected purposes.

**B**E 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:—

**1 Local authority freedom to set council tax level**

- (1) A principal local authority in England may set any level of council tax it chooses.
- (2) In this section—
  - (a) the setting of levels of council tax shall be construed as referring to the setting of amounts for the purposes of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992; and
  - (b) “principal local authority” has the same meaning as in section 69(3) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

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**2 Repeal of provisions on referendums relating to council tax increases**

- (1) Chapter IVZA (referendums relating to council tax increases) in Part 1 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 is repealed.
- (2) Schedule 6 of the Localism Act 2011 is repealed.

**3 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities (Removal of Council Tax Restrictions) Act 2018.

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