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# Parliament of Queensland Act 2001

[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 13 June 2011]

**An Act to provide for the powers, rights and immunities of the Legislative Assembly, appointment of its officers and committees, establishment of particular committees, qualification for membership of the Legislative Assembly, matters affecting continuation of membership and capacity of members, matters incidental to its existence and for other matters**

## Chapter 1 Preliminary

### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*.

### 2 Commencement

This Act commences on 6 June 2002.

### 3 Definitions

The dictionary in the schedule defines particular words used in this Act.

### 4 Object

This Act generally consolidates existing laws incidental to the operation of the Assembly.

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## **5 Relationship between this Act and some other Acts about Parliament**

- (1) This Act contains laws incidental to the operation of the Assembly.
- (2) The *Constitution of Queensland 2001* contains basic statements about the Assembly's membership and procedures and its powers, rights and immunities.
- (3) The *Constitution Act 1867* requires a Legislative Assembly to exist, declares the Parliament of Queensland and law-making power in Queensland and has some provisions about the office of Governor.

*Note—*

See also the *Australia Act 1986* (Cwlth), sections 2 (Legislative powers of Parliaments of States), 3 (Termination of restrictions on legislative powers of Parliaments of States) and 6 (Manner and form of making certain State laws).

- (4) The *Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* provides for the duration of the Assembly.
- (5) The *Constitution Act Amendment Act 1934* prohibits provision being made for the existence of another legislative body except as provided in the Act.
- (6) The *Parliamentary Service Act 1988* contains laws about administrative and support services for the Assembly, including the administrative powers of the Speaker, the office and powers of the Clerk and the establishment of the parliamentary service.

## **6 Act does not limit power, right or immunity**

Nothing in this Act derogates from any power, right or immunity of the Assembly or its members or committees.

## **7 Note in text is part of this Act**

A note in the text of this Act is part of this Act.

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## Chapter 2 Proceedings in the Assembly

### Part 1 Protection and definition

#### 8 Assembly proceedings can not be impeached or questioned

- (1) The freedom of speech and debates or proceedings in the Assembly can not be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of the Assembly.
- (2) To remove doubt, it is declared that subsection (1) is intended to have the same effect as article 9 of the Bill of Rights (1688) had in relation to the Assembly immediately before the commencement of the subsection.

#### 9 Meaning of *proceedings in the Assembly*

- (1) *Proceedings in the Assembly* include all words spoken and acts done in the course of, or for the purposes of or incidental to, transacting business of the Assembly or a committee.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), *proceedings in the Assembly* include—
  - (a) giving evidence before the Assembly, a committee or an inquiry; and
  - (b) evidence given before the Assembly, a committee or an inquiry; and
  - (c) presenting or submitting a document to the Assembly, a committee or an inquiry; and
  - (d) a document tabled in, or presented or submitted to, the Assembly, a committee or an inquiry; and

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- (e) preparing a document for the purposes of, or incidental to, transacting business mentioned in paragraph (a) or (c); and
  - (f) preparing, making or publishing a document (including a report) under the authority of the Assembly or a committee; and
  - (g) a document (including a report) prepared, made or published under the authority of the Assembly or a committee.
- (3) Despite subsection (2)(d), section 8 does not apply to a document mentioned in subsection (2)(d)—
- (a) in relation to a purpose for which it was brought into existence other than for the purpose of being tabled in, or presented or submitted to, the Assembly or a committee or an inquiry; and
  - (b) if the document has been authorised by the Assembly or the committee to be published.

*Example—*

A document evidencing fraud in a department tabled at a portfolio committee inquiry can be used in a criminal prosecution for the fraud if the document was not created for the committee's inquiry and the committee has authorised the document to be published.

- (4) If the way in which a document is dealt with has the effect that—
- (a) under an Act; or
  - (b) under the rules, orders, directions or practices of the Assembly;
- the document is treated, or accepted, as having been tabled in the Assembly for any purpose, then, for the purposes of this Act, the document is taken to be tabled in the Assembly.
- (5) For this section, it does not matter what the nature of the business transacted by a committee is or whether the business is transacted under this Act or otherwise.

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## Part 2                      Miscellaneous

### 10      **Assembly may proceed to business although not more than 5 members have not been elected**

Following a general election, the Assembly may proceed to the transaction of business at the time appointed by the Governor for the purpose even though in not more than 5 of the electoral districts a member has not been elected.

### 11      **Standing rules and orders may be made**

- (1) The Assembly may prepare and adopt standing rules and orders that appear to the Assembly best adapted to conduct proceedings in the Assembly.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the standing rules and orders may provide for the following—
  - (a) the orderly conduct of the Assembly;
  - (b) the way the Assembly must be presided over in the absence of the Speaker;
  - (c) the way the Assembly's powers, rights and immunities may be exercised and upheld;
  - (d) the way notices of Bills, resolutions and other business intended to be submitted to the Assembly at any session may be published for general information;
  - (e) publication of the proceedings of the Assembly and its committees, whether the Assembly is sitting, adjourned, prorogued or dissolved;
  - (f) the proper passing, entitling and numbering of the Bills to be introduced into and passed by the Assembly;
  - (g) the referral of Bills, subordinate legislation or other matters to portfolio committees for consideration and report;

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- (h) the proper presentation of Bills to the Governor for royal assent;
- (i) the declaration and registration of interests of members and of persons related to members, whether continuing or for a particular purpose.

*Note—*

Also, section 88 provides for the establishment of portfolio committees under the standing rules and orders.

- (3) A standing rule or order becomes binding and of force on adoption by the Assembly or at another time decided by the Assembly.

## **12 Quorum**

At a meeting of the Assembly, 16 members of the Assembly exclusive of the Speaker are a quorum.

## **13 Voting**

At a meeting of the Assembly or a Committee of the Whole House—

- (a) a question is decided by a majority of the members present and voting; and
- (b) the Speaker or Chairperson of Committees presiding—
  - (i) has no deliberative vote; but
  - (ii) if the votes are equal, has the casting vote.



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## **Part 3                      The Speaker**

### **14            The Speaker**

- (1) The members of the Assembly must immediately on sitting after every general election proceed to elect a member to be Speaker.
- (2) The Speaker must preside at all meetings of the Assembly, unless otherwise provided by the standing rules and orders.
- (3) The Speaker stops holding office on his or her resignation or removal by a vote of the Assembly.
- (4) On the Speaker's death, resignation or removal by a vote of the Assembly, the members must proceed to elect another member to be the Speaker before proceeding to any other business.

### **15            Speaker continues to hold office on Assembly's expiry or dissolution**

- (1) For all purposes, the Speaker holding office on the Assembly's expiry or dissolution continues to hold the office until the day before the Assembly's first sitting day after a general election.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies even if the Speaker—
  - (a) is not a candidate for election as a member at the general election; or
  - (b) is a candidate for election as a member at the general election and is not elected.

### **16            Deputy Speaker in particular circumstances**

- (1) This section does not affect the way in which the Assembly is presided over when it is sitting in the absence of the Speaker.

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- (2) The way in which the Assembly is presided over when it is sitting in the absence of the Speaker is decided under the standing rules and orders and any resolution of the Assembly.
- (3) Subject to subsections (1) and (2), the Chairperson of Committees may act as the Speaker—
  - (a) during a vacancy in the Speaker's office; or
  - (b) during a period when the Speaker is absent from duty or from the State or is, for another reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.
- (4) If the Chairperson of Committees is for any reason unable to act as Speaker at a time mentioned in subsection (3)(a) or (b), the most senior temporary Chairperson of Committees, who is able to act as Speaker, may act as the Speaker.
- (5) For subsection (4), as between temporary Chairpersons of Committees the most senior temporary Chairperson of Committees is the one who has continually served longest as a member.
- (6) A person acting as the Speaker may be referred to as the Deputy Speaker.

## **Part 4                      Chairperson of Committees**

### **17              Chairperson of Committees**

- (1) The members of the Assembly must as soon as practicable on sitting after every general election proceed to appoint a member to be Chairperson of Committees.
- (2) The Chairperson of Committees must preside at all meetings of a Committee of the Whole House, unless otherwise provided by the standing rules and orders.
- (3) The Chairperson of Committees stops holding office on his or her resignation or removal by a vote of the Assembly.

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- (4) On the Chairperson of Committees' death, resignation or removal by a vote of the Assembly, the members must proceed to appoint another member to be the Chairperson of Committees before proceeding to any other business.

**18 Chairperson of Committees continues to hold office on Assembly's expiry or dissolution**

- (1) For all purposes, the Chairperson of Committees holding office on the Assembly's expiry or dissolution continues to hold the office until the day before the Assembly's first sitting day after a general election.
- (2) To remove doubt, it is declared that subsection (1) applies to the Chairperson of Committees acting as Speaker under section 16(3) for the purposes of section 15(1).
- (3) Subsection (1) applies even if the Chairperson of Committees—
- (a) is not a candidate for election as a member at the general election; or
  - (b) is a candidate for election as a member at the general election and is not elected.

**Part 5 Proxy voting**

**19 Member who may give proxy**

- (1) This section applies if, as evidenced by the certificates of at least 2 doctors, a member (the *absent member*) stated in the certificates is in a state of ill health that prevents the member, during a period stated in the certificates, from attending any sittings of the Assembly.

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- (2) The absent member may notify the Speaker in writing that the member desires to vote as a member at every sittings of the Assembly and of every Committee of the Whole House—
  - (a) by way of a named proxy who is also a member (the *first proxy*); or
  - (b) if the first proxy is not present, by another named proxy, who is also a member (the *second proxy*).
- (3) The absent member or, if the member is unable to do so through ill health, another member on the member's behalf, must present the certificates and notification to the Speaker.
- (4) The Speaker must read the certificates and notification to the Assembly—
  - (a) if the Assembly is sitting on the day the Speaker receives them—on that day; or
  - (b) if the Assembly is not sitting on that day—on the next sitting day.
- (5) If the Speaker declares that the Speaker is satisfied that the matters stated in the certificates are true, at any division at any sittings of the Assembly or any Committee of the Whole House during the period stated in the certificates, subject to section 23, the proxy may vote as and for the absent member.
- (6) Under subsection (5), the first proxy may vote, or, if the first proxy is absent, the second proxy may vote.
- (7) The proxy may vote as and for the absent member either without voting in the proxy's own right or in addition to voting in the proxy's own right.

## 20 How the proxy votes

- (1) The proxy is to vote by declaring to the Speaker or the Chairperson of Committees, as the case may be, during the taking of the votes on the division, that the proxy votes as and for the absent member for the 'ayes' or for the 'noes'.

- (2) If the vote is for the 'ayes', the tellers for the 'ayes' must count it accordingly, and, if the vote is for the 'noes', the tellers for the 'noes' must count it accordingly.
- (3) A vote so declared is as effectual as if the absent member had been personally present in the Assembly on the taking of the votes on the division and had voted on the side of the question for which the member's vote has been so declared by proxy.
- (4) A member who, as a proxy, votes as and for the absent member, and does not vote in the member's own right, must declare the vote as and for the absent member from outside the bar of the Assembly.
- (5) If the member declares the vote as and for the absent member within the bar, the member must be taken to vote also in the member's own right on the side of the question which the member's place in the division indicates.

## **21 How a proxy is substituted**

- (1) This section applies if, during the period stated in the certificates, the absent member notifies the Speaker in writing that the member desires to substitute as the member's first proxy and second proxy or either of them 2 other named members or 1 other named member, as the case may be.
- (2) The Speaker must read the notification to the Assembly—
  - (a) if the Assembly is sitting on the day the Speaker receives the notification—on that day; or
  - (b) if the Assembly is not sitting on that day—on the next sitting day.
- (3) On the notification under subsection (2) being read to the Assembly by the Speaker, the other members or member named in the notification—
  - (a) becomes the first proxy and the second proxy or the first proxy or the second proxy, as the case may be, in substitution for the members or member who had been authorised to vote as and for the absent member; and

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- (b) as the proxies or proxy, may vote as and for the absent member as provided under section 20.

## **22 End of certificates, notification and Speaker's declaration on last day of session—renewal**

- (1) The certificates, notification and Speaker's declaration under this part are ineffective beyond the last day of the session of the Assembly in which the certificates, notification and declaration were received or made.
- (2) However, if the ill health of the absent member and the absent member's inability to attend any sittings of the Assembly continue or are likely to continue beyond the period stated in the certificates, or beyond the last day of the session of the Assembly in which the certificates were received, the certificates, notification, and declaration may be renewed whenever necessary.

## **23 End of proxy**

- (1) No further vote of the absent member may be declared by proxy if, during the period stated in the certificates and after any declaration made by the Speaker in relation to the member—
  - (a) the member attends any sittings of the Assembly or any Committee of the Whole House; or
  - (b) the Speaker declares to the Assembly that the Speaker is satisfied that the member is able to attend the sittings; or
  - (c) the Speaker reads to the Assembly a notification by the member that the member desires that the member's vote is to be no longer declared by proxy.
- (2) When the absent member notifies the Speaker in writing that the member desires that the member's vote be no longer declared by proxy, the Speaker must read the notification to the Assembly—

- (a) if the Assembly is sitting on the day the Speaker receives the notification—on that day; or
- (b) if the Assembly is not sitting on that day—on the next sitting day.

**24 Part does not affect vacation of seat provisions**

This part does not affect section 72.

## **Chapter 3 Powers, rights and immunities**

### **Part 1 Powers to require attendance and production**

**25 Power to order attendance or production of document or other thing**

- (1) The Assembly may order a person to attend before the Assembly or an authorised committee and also to produce to the Assembly or an authorised committee any document or other thing in the person's possession.
- (2) An authorised committee may order a person, other than a member, to attend before the committee and also to produce to the committee any document or other thing in the person's possession.
- (3) Any committee of the Assembly may receive testimonial, documentary and other evidence voluntarily given.

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## **26 Summons to non-member to attend or produce document or other thing**

- (1) Subject to section 28, a person who is ordered to attend must be given a summons issued by—
  - (a) if ordered to attend by the Assembly—the Speaker; or
  - (b) if ordered to attend by an authorised committee—the Clerk on notification by the committee’s chairperson.
- (2) The summons must state—
  - (a) a reasonable time and place for the attendance; and
  - (b) if a document or other thing is ordered to be produced—reasonable particulars of the document or other thing.

## **27 Attendance expenses**

A person, other than a member, ordered to attend before the Assembly or an authorised committee is entitled to be paid a reasonable amount for expenses of attendance as decided by the Speaker.

## **28 Member required to attend without summons**

- (1) A member may be given an order under section 25 without being given a summons.
- (2) The order must state—
  - (a) a reasonable time and place for the attendance; and
  - (b) if a document or other thing is ordered to be produced—reasonable particulars of the document or other thing.

## **29 Obligation to attend before the Assembly**

- (1) A person ordered to attend before the Assembly must not—
  - (a) fail to attend before the Assembly as ordered; or



- (b) fail to attend from time to time as required by the Speaker in the course of the Assembly's proceedings in relation to the matter on which the person was ordered to attend.
- (2) A person may be excused by the Assembly for a failure to attend, or to attend from time to time.

### **30 Obligation to attend before an authorised committee**

- (1) A person ordered to attend before an authorised committee must not—
- (a) fail to attend before the authorised committee as ordered; or
  - (b) fail to attend from time to time as required by the authorised committee's chairperson in the course of the committee's proceedings in relation to the matter on which the person was ordered to attend.
- (2) The authorised committee may report the failure to the Assembly.
- (3) The Assembly may order the person to attend before the authorised committee.
- (4) The person mentioned in subsection (3) must not—
- (a) fail to attend before the authorised committee as ordered by the Assembly; or
  - (b) fail to attend from time to time as required by the authorised committee's chairperson in the course of the committee's proceedings in relation to the matter on which the person was ordered to attend.
- (5) A person may be excused for a failure to attend, or to attend from time to time, mentioned in subsections (1) and (4)—
- (a) if ordered or required to attend by the authorised committee or the committee's chairperson—by the committee; or
  - (b) in any case—by the Assembly.

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### **31 Examination under oath or affirmation**

- (1) The Assembly or an authorised committee before which a person attends may require the person to answer questions under oath or affirmation.
- (2) The oath or affirmation must be administered by—
  - (a) if the person attends before the Assembly—the Speaker or the Clerk; or
  - (b) if the person attends before an authorised committee—the committee’s chairperson or the Clerk, or Clerk’s delegate, attending the committee.
- (3) A person must not fail to be sworn or to make an affirmation if required under subsection (1).
- (4) A person may be excused from a failure mentioned in subsection (3)—
  - (a) if attending before the authorised committee—by the committee; or
  - (b) in any case—by the Assembly.

### **32 Obligation to respond and produce to the Assembly**

- (1) If a person attending before the Assembly does not—
  - (a) answer a question asked by the Assembly; or
  - (b) produce a document or other thing the Assembly ordered the person to produce to it;the Speaker may require the person to answer the question or produce the document or other thing.
- (2) A person must comply with the Speaker’s requirement under subsection (1) unless the person makes an objection under subsections (3) and (4).
- (3) A person may object to answering the question or producing the document or other thing on 1 or both of the grounds mentioned in section 34.

- (4) The objection must be made directly to the Assembly or in writing and must state the grounds of the objection.
- (5) The Assembly may order the person to answer the question or produce the document or other thing to the Assembly if—
  - (a) the person has not made an objection under subsections (3) and (4); or
  - (b) the person has made an objection under subsections (3) and (4) and the Assembly decides the person must answer the question or produce the document or other thing despite the objection.
- (6) A person to whom an order under subsection (5) is directed must comply with the order.

### **33 Obligation to respond and produce to an authorised committee**

- (1) If a person attending before an authorised committee does not—
  - (a) answer a question asked by the committee; or
  - (b) produce a document or other thing the Assembly or the committee ordered the person to produce to the committee;

the chairperson of the committee may require the person to answer the question or produce the document or other thing.
- (2) A person must comply with the chairperson's requirement under subsection (1) unless the person makes an objection under subsections (3) and (4).
- (3) A person may object to answering the question or producing the document or other thing on 1 or both of the grounds mentioned in section 34.
- (4) The objection must be made directly to the committee or in writing and must state the grounds of the objection.
- (5) If—

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- (a) the person does not comply with the requirement under subsection (1) and does not make an objection under subsections (3) and (4); or
  - (b) the person makes an objection under subsections (3) and (4) and the committee considers the person must answer the question or produce the document or other thing despite the objection;
- the committee may report the matter to the Assembly.
- (6) The Assembly may order the person to answer the question or produce the document or other thing to the committee if—
    - (a) the person has not made an objection under subsections (3) and (4); or
    - (b) the person has made an objection under subsections (3) and (4) and the Assembly decides the person must answer the question or produce the document or other thing despite the objection.
  - (7) If the Assembly orders a person under subsection (6) to answer a question or produce a document or other thing, the Assembly may also order a class of person, including a person who has not appeared, or been asked to appear, before the committee, to answer the same question or produce the same document or other thing.
  - (8) A person or a class of person to whom an order under subsection (6) or (7) is directed must comply with the order.

### **34 Grounds for objecting to answering a question or production**

A person may object to answering a question or producing a document or other thing under sections 32(3) and 33(3) on the grounds that—

- (a) the answer, document or thing is of a private nature and does not affect the subject of inquiry; or
- (b) giving the answer or producing the document or thing might tend to incriminate the person and the person

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would have a claim of privilege against self-incrimination in a Supreme Court action if the person were asked in the action to give the answer or produce the document or thing.

**35 Assembly to have regard to particular things when considering objection**

In deciding whether to make an order under section 32(5) or 33(6) the Assembly must have regard to—

- (a) the public interest in having the questions answered before the Assembly or authorised committee or the documents or other things produced to the Assembly or authorised committee; and
- (b) the public interest in providing appropriate protection to individuals against invasions of privacy or against self-incrimination.

**36 Inadmissibility of particular events before a committee**

- (1) Evidence may not be given in any proceeding of an answer given by a person before a committee, or of the fact the person produced a document or other thing to a committee.
- (2) However, subsection (1) does not apply to—
  - (a) a proceeding before the Assembly or a committee of the Assembly; or
  - (b) a criminal proceeding brought against the person about the falsity, or the misleading, threatening or offensive nature, of the answer, document, or other thing; or
  - (c) a criminal proceeding brought against the person about the person's failure to produce a document or thing to, or refusal to answer a question before, the Assembly or a committee.
- (3) Subsection (2) applies despite sections 8 and 9.

## Part 2 Contempts

### 37 Meaning of *contempt* of the Assembly

- (1) ***Contempt*** of the Assembly means a breach or disobedience of the powers, rights or immunities, or a contempt, of the Assembly or its members or committees.
- (2) Conduct, including words, is not contempt of the Assembly unless it amounts, or is intended or likely to amount, to an improper interference with—
  - (a) the free exercise by the Assembly or a committee of its authority or functions; or
  - (b) the free performance by a member of the member's duties as a member.

*Examples of contempt—*

- 1 assaulting, obstructing or insulting a member—
  - (a) in the member's coming to or going from the Assembly or a meeting of a committee; or
  - (b) anywhere else because of the member's performance of his or her parliamentary duties
- 2 attempting to compel a member by force, insult or menace to take a particular position in relation to a proposition or matter pending, or expected to be brought, before the Assembly or a committee
- 3 sending a threat to a member because of the member's performance of his or her parliamentary duties
- 4 sending a challenge to fight a member
- 5 the offering of a bribe to or attempting to bribe a member
- 6 creating or joining in any disturbance in the Assembly or before a committee or in the Assembly's or a committee's vicinity while it is sitting that may interrupt its proceedings
- 7 contravention of section 29(1), 30(1) or (4), 31(3), 32(2) or (6), 33(2) or (8) or 69B(1), (2) or (4)
- 8 preventing or attempting to prevent a person from complying with section 29(1), 30(1) or (4), 31(3), 32(2) or (6), 33(2) or (8) or 69B(1), (2) or (4)

- 9 improperly influencing, or attempting to improperly influence, a person, in relation to any evidence to be given by the person to the Assembly or a committee
- 10 treating a person adversely and without lawful authority, or attempting to do so, because of evidence given by the person to the Assembly or a committee or because of a belief or suspicion about that evidence

### **38 Decisions on contempt**

Whether particular conduct is contempt of the Assembly as defined under section 37 is a matter for the Assembly to decide, acting on any advice it considers appropriate.

### **39 Assembly's power to deal with contempt**

- (1) The Assembly has the same power to deal with a person for contempt of the Assembly as the Commons House of the Parliament of the United Kingdom had at the establishment of the Commonwealth to deal with contempt of the Commons House.

*Note—*

Date of establishment of the Commonwealth—1 January 1901.

- (2) To remove doubt, it is declared that the power includes power to fine the person and impose imprisonment on the person in default of the payment of the fine, as provided for under sections 40 to 45.

### **40 Assembly proceedings on contempt**

- (1) Subject to section 38, proceedings for punishment by the Assembly of contempt are to be taken in the way stated in the standing rules and orders.
- (2) The Assembly may order a person found by it to have committed a contempt to pay a fine of an amount not more than an amount stated in the standing rules and orders.

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- (3) If a fine imposed on a person under subsection (2) is not paid within a reasonable time stated by the Assembly, the Assembly may order the person to be imprisoned as directed by it—
  - (a) until the fine is paid; or
  - (b) until the end of the session of the Assembly or a part of the session.
- (4) For subsection (3), the Assembly may order a person to be imprisoned—
  - (a) in the custody of an officer of the Assembly; or
  - (b) under the *Corrective Services Act 2006*, section 6.

#### **41 Speaker's warrant for contempt**

The Speaker, on the Assembly's resolution, may issue a warrant for the apprehension and imprisonment of a person fined for contempt if the fine is not paid as required by the Assembly.

#### **42 Arrest pending warrant in certain cases**

- (1) A person who commits a contempt by creating or joining in any disturbance in the Assembly or before a committee or in the Assembly's or a committee's vicinity while it is sitting that may interrupt its proceedings may be apprehended without warrant on the Speaker's order, oral or written.
- (2) The person may be kept in the custody of an officer of the Assembly until the person is dealt with by the Assembly under section 39.

#### **43 Form of warrant**

A warrant issued under section 41 need not be in any particular form, but it must state in effect that the person has been found by the Assembly to have committed a contempt of the Assembly.



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**44 Duty to help in execution of Speaker's order or warrant**

- (1) The commissioner of the police service, all police officers and other persons are required to help in the apprehension and detention of any person who is required to be apprehended under the order or warrant of the Speaker.
- (2) For the purpose of searching for and apprehending a person under the Speaker's order or warrant, a person may enter any place using force that may be reasonably necessary.

**45 Warrant to be given effect**

The chief executive (corrective services) or a person in charge of a watch-house to whom is delivered a person apprehended under the Speaker's warrant must take the person into custody and detain the person in accordance with the warrant's terms.

**46 Treasurer's power to retain allowances to pay fine**

- (1) This section applies if under this part—
  - (a) a member has been found by the Assembly to have committed a contempt; and
  - (b) the member has been summarily dealt with by the Assembly and ordered to pay a fine; and
  - (c) any amount of the fine is not paid by the member as required by the Assembly's order.
- (2) The Speaker must deliver a signed certificate countersigned by the Clerk to the Treasurer notifying the Treasurer that the amount has not been paid as required by the Assembly.
- (3) On receiving the certificate, the Treasurer may order that there be set aside and retained by the Treasurer amounts the Treasurer considers proper out of the salary to which the member is entitled as a member until the full amount of the fine has been paid.
- (4) The Treasurer may act under subsection (3), even though the session in which the fine was imposed has ended.

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- (5) The Treasurer may at any time amend the order.
- (6) All amounts set aside and retained by the Treasurer are part of the consolidated fund.

#### **47 Other proceedings**

- (1) If a person's conduct is both a contempt of the Assembly and an offence against another Act, the person may be proceeded against for the contempt or for the offence against the other Act, but the person is not liable to be punished twice for the same conduct.
- (2) The Assembly may, by resolution, direct the Attorney-General to prosecute the person for the offence against the other Act.

## **Part 3 Parliamentary records**

#### **48 Definitions for pt 3**

In this part—

*authorising person* means—

- (a) the Speaker; or
- (b) the chairperson of a committee; or
- (c) the Clerk; or
- (d) the chief reporter.

*broadcast* means a broadcast, transmission, rebroadcast or retransmission made electronically or in any other way.

*parliamentary record* see section 49.

*publication* means a publication in any form and includes a broadcast.

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**49 Meaning of *parliamentary record***

- (1) A *parliamentary record* is a record relating to proceedings in the Assembly.
- (2) A record relating to proceedings in the Assembly includes a record of proceedings in the Assembly.
- (3) The record may be—
  - (a) in any form; or
  - (b) permanent or otherwise; or
  - (c) made at the same time as the proceedings to which it relates or otherwise.

*Example—*

The record may be in audio or visual form and last only a short time.

**50 Assembly or committee may authorise publication**

- (1) The Assembly may authorise publication of a parliamentary record.
- (2) A committee may authorise publication of—
  - (a) evidence given before the committee; or
  - (b) a document presented or submitted to the committee; or
  - (c) a document (including a report) prepared or made by the committee.
- (3) An authority under subsection (1) or (2) extends to the doing of all acts preparatory to, or otherwise for the purposes of, publication.
- (4) This part does not limit by implication any other power the Assembly or a committee may have to authorise publication of any thing.
- (5) Without limiting subsections (1) and (2), if the Assembly authorises publication of a thing under subsection (1), or a committee authorises publication of a thing under subsection (2), without mentioning who may publish the thing, the

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Assembly or committee is taken to authorise the publication of the thing by the government printer.

- (6) If the Assembly authorises, or is taken to authorise, the printing of a parliamentary record, then, unless the Assembly otherwise expressly provides—
  - (a) the Assembly is taken to authorise the publication of the parliamentary record; and
  - (b) publication of the parliamentary record other than in printed form is adequate compliance with any requirement that the document be printed.

## **51 Assembly taken to have authorised particular publication**

- (1) The Assembly is taken to have authorised the publication of an authorised parliamentary record by an authorised publisher.
- (2) The authority conferred by subsection (1) extends to the doing of all acts preparatory to, or otherwise for the purposes of, the publication.
- (3) For this part, a thing purporting to be an authorised parliamentary record is taken to be an authorised parliamentary record unless the contrary is proved.
- (4) In this section—

*authorised parliamentary record* means a parliamentary record, including any of the following records, the publication of which is authorised by an authorising person—

- (a) the Votes and Proceedings;
- (b) the Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day;
- (c) the Questions on Notice and answers to questions on notice;
- (d) Hansard reports of proceedings in the Assembly, a committee or an inquiry;

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- (e) an audio or visual record of proceedings in the Assembly.

*authorised publisher* means—

- (a) a member or a person acting on behalf of a member; or
- (b) the Speaker; or
- (c) the chairperson of a committee; or
- (d) the Clerk; or
- (e) an officer or employee of the parliamentary service acting in the course of the person's duties; or
- (f) the government printer; or
- (g) an engaged entity.

*engaged entity* means—

- (a) an entity engaged by the Speaker or Clerk or a chairperson of a committee (the *engager*) for the publication of a particular authorised parliamentary record; or
- (b) an employee, contractor or agent of the entity acting in the course of the person's duties, contract or agency; or
- (c) if, with the engager's written approval, the entity engages another entity for the publication of the particular authorised parliamentary record—
  - (i) the other entity; or
  - (ii) an employee, contractor or agent of the other entity acting in the course of the person's duties, contract or agency.

## **52 Tabled, unpublished documents may be read etc.**

- (1) A person may read any document that is tabled in the Assembly by a member, but is not authorised by the Assembly to be published.

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- (2) The person may make a copy of, take an extract from, or take notes of, the document.
- (3) A person does not incur any civil or criminal liability for the doing by the person or another person of an act permitted to be done under this section.

**53 Particular documents are taken to be published when tabled or taken to be tabled in the Assembly**

The following documents are taken to be published when tabled or taken to be tabled in the Assembly—

- (a) a report of a committee or an inquiry;
- (b) a Bill presented to the Assembly and the explanatory note for the Bill;
- (c) a report that, under an Act—
  - (i) is received by a Minister or the Speaker; and
  - (ii) is required or permitted to be tabled in the Assembly.

**54 Publication of fair report of tabled document**

- (1) A person does not incur any civil or criminal liability for the publication of a fair report of a document that is tabled in the Assembly by a member with—
  - (a) the express permission of the Speaker; or
  - (b) the leave of the Assembly.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies to a document whether or not the Assembly authorises the document to be published.

**55 Evidentiary certificates**

- (1) A certificate purporting to be signed by an authorising person and stating any 1 or more of the matters mentioned in subsection (2) is evidence of those matters.

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- (2) The matters are—
- (a) that evidence was given before the Assembly, a committee or an inquiry; and
  - (b) that a document was presented or submitted to the Assembly, a committee or an inquiry; and
  - (c) that a document was tabled in, or presented or submitted to, the Assembly, a committee or inquiry; and
  - (d) that a document was prepared for the purposes of, or incidental to, transacting business mentioned in section 9(2)(a) or (c); and
  - (e) that a document (including a report) was prepared, made or published under the authority of the Assembly, a committee or inquiry; and
  - (f) that a thing is a parliamentary record; and
  - (g) that the Assembly authorised publication of a parliamentary record or a committee authorised publication of evidence or a document; and
  - (h) that the Assembly or a committee authorised publication of a thing by the government printer under section 50(5); and
  - (i) that a thing is an authorised parliamentary record as defined under section 51; and
  - (j) that an entity is an authorised publisher as defined under section 51 for publication of a particular authorised parliamentary record; and
  - (k) that an act was preparatory to, or otherwise for the purposes of, publication of a thing; and
  - (l) that a document was tabled in the Assembly by a member but was not—
    - (i) authorised by the Assembly to be published; or
    - (ii) taken to be published by the Assembly; and

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- (m) that a document was tabled in the Assembly by the member with—
  - (i) the express permission of the Speaker; or
  - (ii) the leave of the Assembly; and
- (n) that a person is an authorising person; and
- (o) that a person is the government printer; and
- (p) that the Assembly imposed conditions on the publication of a parliamentary record.

**56 No liability for publishing under authority of Assembly or committee**

- (1) An engaged entity or another person does not incur any civil or criminal liability for—
  - (a) publishing a parliamentary record under the authority of the Assembly; or
  - (b) publishing evidence or a document under the authority of a committee.
- (2) If a proceeding is brought for a publication to which subsection (1) applies, the defendant may produce to the court a certificate—
  - (a) signed by an authorising person; and
  - (b) stating that the publication is a publication to which that subsection applies.
- (3) Before producing the certificate, the defendant must give the plaintiff or prosecutor and any other defendant 24 hours notice of the defendant's intention to produce the certificate.
- (4) On production of the certificate, the court must dismiss the proceeding and may order the plaintiff or prosecutor to pay the defendant's costs.
- (5) This section does not affect any other defence available to the defendant.



(6) In this section—

*engaged entity* see section 51.

*publishing* a thing includes doing all acts preparatory to, or otherwise for the purposes of, publishing the thing.

**57 Printed reports of debates taken to be true and correct record**

- (1) Reports of the debates in the Assembly published in printed form under the authority of the Assembly may be received in evidence as an accurate record of what happened in the Assembly.
- (2) Evidence must not be admitted contradicting, adding to or otherwise impugning the accuracy of the reports.

**58 Assembly may impose conditions on publication**

- (1) The Assembly may at any time impose conditions on the publication of a parliamentary record.
- (2) It does not matter whether the parliamentary record has been previously published or whether the Assembly authorises or has authorised the publication.

*Example—*

Assume an audio or visual record of proceedings in the Assembly is published on the internet by an authorised publisher under section 51. The Assembly may impose conditions on the publication by the authorised publisher. The Assembly may also impose conditions on the publication by a person who has accessed the internet publication of a parliamentary record derived from that access.

- (3) Publication of a parliamentary record in contravention of a condition imposed by the Assembly is a contempt of the Assembly.

## Part 4                      Tabling of reports outside sittings

### 59      Tabling of report when Assembly not sitting

- (1) This section applies to a report that, under an Act—
  - (a) is received by a Minister or the Speaker; and
  - (b) is required or permitted to be tabled in the Assembly.
- (2) If the Minister or Speaker wants to table the report when the Assembly is not sitting, the Minister or Speaker may give a copy of the report to the Clerk.
- (3) The report is taken to have been tabled on the day a copy of the report is received by the Clerk.
- (4) The receipt of the report by the Clerk, and the day of the receipt, must be recorded in the Assembly's Votes and Proceedings for the next sitting day after the day of receipt.
- (5) For subsection (1)(b), if a report is required or permitted to be tabled in the Assembly, a part of the report or a document accompanying the report is also taken to be required or permitted to be tabled in the Assembly.
- (6) A report tabled under subsection (3) is a report tabled in and published by order of the Assembly.
- (7) This section does not limit the Assembly's power by resolution or order to provide for the tabling of reports and other documents when the Assembly is not sitting.
- (8) In this section—

*report* includes—

  - (a) part of a report; and
  - (b) a document accompanying a report.

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**59A References to when the Assembly is not sitting**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if an Act or the standing rules and orders refer to something being done, or state the effect of something done, in relation to a document when the Assembly is not sitting.
- (2) The reference to the Assembly not sitting is taken to include the Assembly being expired, prorogued or dissolved.
- (3) If a document is taken to have been tabled in the Assembly because of subsection (2) when the Assembly—
  - (a) has expired or is dissolved; or
  - (b) is prorogued and the Assembly expires or is dissolved before its next session;the document is taken to be a document of the next Assembly.
- (4) If a document is taken to have been tabled in the Assembly because of subsection (2) when the Assembly is prorogued and the Assembly does not expire and is not dissolved before its next session, the document is taken to be a document of the next session of the Assembly.

**Part 5 Custody of Assembly documents**

**60 Application of pt 5**

This part applies despite any other law.

**61 Clerk has custody of Assembly documents**

For this part, the Clerk is taken to have custody of all documents in the possession of the Assembly, a committee or an inquiry.

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**62 Instrument requiring access or production must be addressed to Clerk**

- (1) An instrument requiring access to or production of a document mentioned in section 61 must be addressed to the Clerk.
- (2) If the instrument is not addressed to the Clerk, it is of no effect.

**63 Assembly controls release**

- (1) The Clerk may not allow access to, or produce, a document as required under an instrument mentioned in section 62 unless—
  - (a) for a document in the possession of a committee that has not been tabled in the Assembly—the committee or the Assembly by resolution has given leave; or
  - (b) for a document in the possession of an inquiry that has not been tabled in the Assembly—the inquiry or the Assembly by resolution has given leave; or
  - (c) for a document in the possession of the Assembly that has not been tabled in the Assembly—the Assembly by resolution has given leave; or
  - (d) for a document that has been tabled in the Assembly and prohibited by the Assembly from being published—the Assembly by resolution has given leave.
- (2) However, if—
  - (a) an instrument requires access to or production of a document in the possession of the Assembly; and
  - (b) the Assembly has expired or is dissolved, prorogued or adjourned for more than 7 days;the Speaker may give leave for the document to be accessed or produced as required under the instrument.

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## Chapter 4 Candidates and members

### Part 1 Qualifications

#### 64 Qualifications to be a candidate and be elected a member

- (1) A person may be nominated as a candidate for election, and may be elected, as a member of the Assembly for an electoral district only if the person is—
  - (a) an adult Australian citizen living in Queensland; and
  - (b) enrolled on an electoral roll for the electoral district or another electoral district; and
  - (c) not a disqualified person under subsection (2) or (3).
- (2) A person is a disqualified person if the person—
  - (a) is subject to a term of imprisonment or detention, periodic or otherwise; or
  - (b) within 2 years before the day of nomination, has been convicted of an offence against the law of Queensland, another State or the Commonwealth and sentenced to more than 1 year's imprisonment; or
  - (c) has been convicted within 7 years before the day of nomination of an offence against the Criminal Code, section 59 or 60; or
  - (d) has been convicted within 10 years before the day of nomination of a disqualifying electoral offence; or
  - (e) has been convicted, and not pardoned, of treason, sedition or sabotage under the law of Queensland, another State or the Commonwealth; or
  - (f) is an undischarged bankrupt under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cwlth), or a corresponding law of another jurisdiction; or

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- (g) has executed a deed of arrangement as debtor under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cwlth), part X, or a corresponding law of another jurisdiction, and the terms of the deed have not been fully complied with; or
  - (h) has creditors who have accepted a composition under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cwlth), part X, or a corresponding law of another jurisdiction, and a final payment has not been made under that composition; or
  - (i) is not entitled to be a candidate for election, or to be elected as a member of the Assembly, under another law.
- (3) Also, the following persons are disqualified persons—
- (a) the Governor-General, Administrator or head of government of the Commonwealth or the Governor, Administrator or head of government of a State;
  - (b) the holder of a judicial office of any jurisdiction of a State or the Commonwealth.
- (4) For subsection (2)(a), the circumstances in which a person is subject to a term of imprisonment or detention—
- (a) include circumstances in which the person is released from the term of imprisonment or detention on parole, leave of absence or otherwise without being discharged from all liability to serve all or part of the term; but
  - (b) do not include circumstances in which a person is subject to a term of imprisonment but is at liberty because the term of imprisonment has been suspended.
- (5) For subsection (2)(b), the following apply—
- (a) if the sentence of imprisonment is suspended, the provision does not apply;
  - (b) however, if the person is ordered at any time to actually serve more than 1 year of the suspended term of imprisonment, the provision applies.
- (6) In this section—

*disqualifying electoral offence* means—

- (a) a disqualifying electoral offence within the meaning of the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 3; or
- (b) an offence that would be a disqualifying electoral offence within the meaning of the *Electoral Act 1992*, except that offender was convicted of the offence before the commencement of the *Electoral and Other Acts Amendment Act 2002*.

## Part 2                      Candidates and members    holding paid public    appointment

### 65      **Meaning of *paid public appointment* and related    appointment**

- (1) A person holds a *paid public appointment* if the person, for reward—
  - (a) holds an office under, or is employed by, the State, another State or the Commonwealth; or
  - (b) holds an appointment to or in or is employed by or in—
    - (i) an entity of the State, another State or the Commonwealth; or
    - (ii) the parliamentary service of the Assembly or an administrative office or service attached to the legislature of another State or the Commonwealth; or
    - (iii) a court or tribunal or a registry or other administrative office of a court or tribunal, of the State, another State or the Commonwealth; or
    - (iv) a local government of the State or another State.

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- (2) A ***paid State appointment*** held by a person is a paid public appointment the person holds in connection with the State of Queensland because of an office or appointment or employment mentioned in subsection (1)(a) or (b).

*Note—*

For the effect of this definition, see sections 66 (Effect of paid State appointment on candidate's election), 69 (Appointment to paid State appointment is of no effect) and 72(1)(f) (Vacating seats of members in particular circumstances).

- (3) However, a member does not hold a paid public appointment if—
- (a) the appointment is under the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*—
    - (i) as a Minister or to act as a Minister; or
    - (ii) as a Parliamentary Secretary; or
  - (b) an Act requires or expressly permits that the appointment be held by a member of the Assembly, however described; or
  - (c) when the appointment is held by a member of the Assembly, neither the member nor any other person is entitled to or is entitled to and receives any reward on account of the member holding the appointment; or
  - (d) the appointment is as a local government mayor or councillor, whether the person is appointed or elected as mayor or councillor.
- (4) For subsection (3)(c), a member is not taken to be entitled to a reward if the member irrevocably waives for all legal purposes the entitlement to the reward.
- (5) For a waiver under subsection (4), the member must, as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the entitlement—
- (a) waive the entitlement in writing; and
  - (b) give a copy of the waiver to the registrar.
- (6) In this section—



*reward* does not include—

- (a) an amount decided under chapter 7; or
- (aa) an amount decided under the deed under the *Superannuation (State Public Sector) Act 1990* in relation to a transferring member within the meaning of section 32A of that Act; or
- (b) reasonable expenses actually incurred by or for the member for any 1 or more of the following—
  - (i) accommodation;
  - (ii) meals;
  - (iii) domestic air travel;
  - (iv) taxi fares or public transport charges;
  - (v) motor vehicle hire; or
- (c) an amount (other than an amount paid at the pleasure of the State, another State or the Commonwealth) paid as a pension, entitlement, remuneration, allowance or otherwise for—
  - (i) past service in a paid public appointment; or
  - (ii) past or existing service as a member of the Commonwealth's military reserve forces.

## **66 Effect of paid State appointment on candidate's election**

- (1) If a person who holds a paid State appointment becomes a candidate for election to the Assembly, the person must be absent on leave from the appointment for the election period.
- (2) To comply with subsection (1), the person is entitled to take any accrued leave or leave without reward.
- (3) If the person fails to comply with subsection (1), the person is taken to be on unpaid leave and is not entitled to any reward from anyone for service in the paid State appointment during the election period.

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- (4) If the person is elected as a member, the person's paid State appointment is taken to end on the day before the day of the poll at which the person is elected.
- (5) Subsection (4) applies whether or not the person complies with subsection (1).
- (6) This section applies despite any law other than this Act.
- (7) In this section—

*becomes a candidate* means becomes a candidate for election under the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 88(3).

*election period* means the period starting when the person becomes a candidate and ending—

- (a) if the person is elected—at the end of the day before the day of the poll at which the person is elected; or
- (b) if the person is not elected—on the election of the candidate who is elected for the electoral district.

## **67 Resignation of particular office holders on becoming candidates**

- (1) A person who holds any of the following offices, or who is a deputy of anyone holding any of the following offices, must resign office immediately on the person being nominated under the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 84, as a candidate for election—
  - (a) anti-discrimination commissioner;
  - (b) auditor-general;
  - (c) chairperson, commissioner or assistant commissioner of the Crime and Misconduct Commission;
  - (d) the Clerk;
  - (e) Commissioner for Children and Young People and Child Guardian;
  - (f) commissioner of the police service;

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- (g) Crown solicitor;
  - (h) director of public prosecutions;
  - (i) electoral commissioner;
  - (j) a commission member under the *Health Quality and Complaints Commission Act 2006*;
  - (k) information commissioner;
  - (l) integrity commissioner;
  - (m) ombudsman;
  - (n) parliamentary counsel;
  - (o) parliamentary crime and misconduct commissioner;
  - (p) a commissioner of the Public Service Commission;
  - (q) public trustee;
  - (r) solicitor-general.
- (2) An office holder who fails to comply with subsection (1) is taken to resign office on becoming a candidate under the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 88(3), despite any other law.
- (3) For subsection (1), a person is not a deputy of anyone holding an office only because the person is temporarily acting in the office of deputy.

## **68 Effect of election on particular candidates**

- (1) Any of the following persons who is elected as a member can not take his or her seat until the person stops holding the membership or appointment mentioned in relation to the person—
- (a) member of the Commonwealth Parliament or of a legislature of another State;
  - (b) mayor or a councillor of a local government of another State;

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- (c) holder of a paid public appointment other than a paid State appointment.

*Notes—*

- 1 Under the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*, section 22(3), a member takes the member's seat on taking the oath or making the affirmation mentioned in section 22(1) of that Act.
- 2 Under the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 155, a councillor of a local government (which by definition includes a mayor of a local government) ceases to be a councillor if, under the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 88(3), the councillor becomes a candidate for an election as a member of the Legislative Assembly.
- 3 For the effect of a paid State appointment on a candidate's election, see section 66.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not affect section 72(1)(a).

## **69 Appointment to paid State appointment is of no effect**

- (1) A member must not accept a paid State appointment.
- (2) Despite any law other than this Act, a purported appointment of a member to hold a paid State appointment is of no effect as an appointment.

*Note—*

For an effect of accepting a paid public appointment other than a paid State appointment, see section 72(1)(f).

## **Part 2A Registers of interests**

### **69A Definitions for pt 2A**

In this part—

*child*, in relation to a member, includes an adopted child, ex-nuptial child or stepchild of the member.

**register** means—

- (a) the register of members' interests; or
- (b) the register of related persons' interests.

**related person**, in relation to a member, means—

- (a) the member's spouse; or
- (b) a person who is totally or substantially dependent on the member and—
  - (i) the person is the member's child; or
  - (ii) the person's affairs are so closely connected with the member's affairs that a benefit derived by the person, or a substantial part of it, could pass to the member.

**statement of interests** means—

- (a) a statement of interests (member); or
- (b) a statement of interests (related persons).

**statement of interests (member)** see section 69B(1)(a).

**statement of interests (related persons)** see section 69B(1)(b).

## **69B Statements of interests**

- (1) A member must, within 1 month after taking the member's seat, give to the registrar the following statements—
  - (a) a statement of the interest, as at the date of the election, of the member (a **statement of interests (member)**);
  - (b) a statement of the interest, as at the date of the election, of which the member is aware of each person who is a related person of the member (a **statement of interests (related persons)**).

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*Notes—*

- 1 Under the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*, section 22(3), a member takes the member's seat on taking the oath or making the affirmation mentioned in section 22(1) of that Act.
  - 2 A contravention of subsection (1) constitutes contempt of the Assembly—see section 37.
- (2) A member must, within 1 month after becoming aware of a change in the particulars contained in the last statement of interests given by the member, notify the registrar in writing of the change.

*Note—*

A contravention of subsection (2) constitutes contempt of the Assembly—see section 37.

- (3) A statement of interests and any change in the particulars of the interests must be given in accordance with the standing rules and orders.
- (4) A member must not give to the registrar a statement of interests or information relating to a statement of interests the member knows is false or misleading in a material particular.

*Note—*

A contravention of subsection (4) constitutes contempt of the Assembly—see section 37.

- (5) A reference in this section to an interest is a reference to the matter within its ordinary meaning under the general law and the definition in the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, section 36 does not apply.

## **69C Registrar**

- (1) There is to be a Registrar of Members' Interests (*registrar*).
- (2) The Clerk is to be the registrar.
- (3) The registrar must keep—
  - (a) a register of members' interests; and
  - (b) a register of related persons' interests.



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- (ii) the contract is made, entered into, or accepted, by a listed or non-aligned corporation;
- (b) for subsection (1)(b)—
  - (i) an Act requires or expressly permits the member to perform the duty or service; or
  - (ii) neither the member nor any other person is entitled to or is entitled to and receives any reward on account of the member performing the duty or service; or
  - (iii) the duty or service is the attendance at a court or other place or the giving of evidence at a court or other place in obedience to any court process.
- (3) For subsection (2)(b)(ii), a member is not taken to be entitled to a reward if the member irrevocably waives for all legal purposes the entitlement to the reward.
- (4) For a waiver under subsection (3), the member must, as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the entitlement—
  - (a) waive the entitlement in writing; and
  - (b) give a copy of the waiver to the Speaker.
- (5) In this section—

***duty or service*** includes a duty or service constituted by the act of transacting any business for the entity of the State concerned.

***entity***, of the State, does not include a local government.

***listed corporation*** has the meaning given by the Corporations Act.

***non-aligned corporation*** means a corporation with more than 20 shareholders, 1 of whom is the member if the member does not—

- (a) own 5% or more of the corporation's shares; or
- (b) have control of the corporation's board.



*reward* does not include—

- (a) an amount decided under chapter 7; or
- (aa) an amount decided under the deed under the *Superannuation (State Public Sector) Act 1990* in relation to a transferring member within the meaning of section 32A of that Act; or
- (b) reasonable expenses actually incurred by or for the member for any 1 or more of the following—
  - (i) accommodation;
  - (ii) meals;
  - (iii) domestic air travel;
  - (iv) taxi fares or public transport charges;
  - (v) motor vehicle hire.

## **71 Restrictions on member transacting business with an entity of the State**

- (1) A member must not transact business, directly or indirectly, with an entity of the State.

*Note—*

The effect of a contravention of this subsection is dealt with under section 72(1)(h) (Vacating seats of members in particular circumstances).

- (2) If a member contravenes subsection (1) in relation to a contract with an entity of the State—
- (a) the contract is invalid to the extent of the contravention; and
  - (b) the member is not entitled to, and may not receive, the reward in connection with the contract.
- (3) If a member contravenes subsection (1) in relation to the performance of a duty or service for an entity of the State, the member is not entitled to, and may not receive, the reward for the duty or service.

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- (4) A member does not contravene subsection (1) in relation to a contract with an entity of the State if the member—
- (a) acquires the interest in the contract—
    - (i) under a testamentary disposition or because of the laws of succession; or
    - (ii) as executor, administrator or trustee of the estate of a deceased person; and
  - (b) disposes of the interest within—
    - (i) 1 year after the day the person whose death gave rise to the interest mentioned in paragraph (a) died; or
    - (ii) a longer period allowed by the Assembly.
- (5) A new member does not contravene subsection (1) in relation to an interest in a contract with an entity of the State arising before the member's election if he or she disposes of the interest within 6 months after being elected.
- (6) A new member does not contravene subsection (1) in relation to an obligation to perform a duty or service arising before the member's election if he or she discharges the obligation within 6 months after being elected.
- (7) In this section—

*entity*, of the State, does not include a local government.

*new member* means a member who was not a member of the Assembly immediately before the Assembly last expired or was last dissolved.



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Court of Disputed Returns under the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 143; and

- (ii) decides not to make a declaration under section 73;
- (i) the member is convicted of any of the following offences—
  - (i) an offence against the law of Queensland, another State or the Commonwealth for which the member is sentenced to more than 1 year's imprisonment;
  - (ii) an offence against the Criminal Code, section 59 or 60;
  - (iii) a disqualifying electoral offence;
  - (iv) treason, sedition or sabotage under the law of Queensland, another State or the Commonwealth;
- (j) the member becomes a bankrupt under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cwlth), or a corresponding law of another jurisdiction;
- (k) the member—
  - (i) has executed a deed of arrangement as debtor under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cwlth), part X, or a corresponding law of another jurisdiction; and
  - (ii) breaches the terms of the deed;
- (l) the member's creditors accept a composition under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cwlth), part X, or a corresponding law of another jurisdiction, and the member breaches the terms of the composition;
- (m) the member is absent without the Assembly's permission from the Assembly for more than 21 consecutive sitting days, whether over 1 or more sessions;
- (n) anything else happens that causes the member's seat to be vacant under another law.

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- (2) For subsection (1)(d), it does not matter that a member may acquire or use a foreign passport or travel document.
  - (3) For subsection (1)(i)(i), the following apply—
    - (a) if the sentence of imprisonment is suspended, the provision does not apply;
    - (b) however, if the member is ordered at any time to actually serve more than 1 year of the suspended term of imprisonment, the provision applies.
  - (4) In this section—

*disqualifying electoral offence* see the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 3.

### **73 Assembly may disregard disqualifying events**

- (1) This section applies if the Assembly considers that anything that happened whether before or after the commencement of this section (the *disqualifying ground*) may have caused—
  - (a) a person to be disqualified from being elected as a member; or
  - (b) the seat of a member to become vacant.
- (2) The Assembly may declare by resolution the disqualifying ground to be of no effect.
- (3) The Assembly may make the declaration only if the Assembly considers the ground—
  - (a) has stopped having effect; and
  - (b) was in all the circumstances trivial in nature; and
  - (c) happened or arose without the actual knowledge or consent of the person or member or was accidental or due to inadvertence.
- (4) This section applies despite any other provision of this chapter.

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- (5) This section has no effect on the jurisdiction of the Court of Disputed Returns.

## **74 Effect of appeals against conviction or sentence**

- (1) This section applies if a member whose seat becomes vacant because of a conviction, or conviction and sentence, to which section 72(1)(i) or (n) applies (the *disqualifying ground*) appeals, or applies for leave to appeal, against the conviction or sentence within 1 calendar month after the conviction or sentence.
- (2) If, on appeal, the conviction is quashed or set aside, or the sentence is changed to a sentence to which neither section 72(1)(i) nor (n) applies, the disqualifying ground is taken never to have happened.
- (3) To ensure that subsection (2) has effect, a writ for an election to fill the vacancy in the member's seat caused by the disqualifying ground can not be issued—
- (a) until at least 1 calendar month has passed after the seat becomes vacant; and
  - (b) if the member appeals, or applies for leave to appeal, within 1 calendar month after the seat becomes vacant—until the appeal has ended without subsection (2) applying.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not prevent a writ for a general election being issued.

## **Part 5 Vacation of seat by member**

### **75 Resignation of seat in the Assembly**

- (1) A member may resign his or her seat by signed writing addressed to the Speaker.

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- (2) The member's seat becomes vacant when the Speaker receives the resignation.

**76 Vacancy because of resignation to contest  
Commonwealth election**

- (1) This section applies if, to seek election for the Parliament of the Commonwealth, a member—
- (a) resigns the member's seat not later than 21 days after the issue of the writ for the election; and
  - (b) at the time of tendering the resignation, notifies the Speaker in writing of—
    - (i) the member's intention to seek his or her election as a Commonwealth member; and
    - (ii) the member's intention in the event of failing to secure his or her election as a Commonwealth member to become again a candidate for the vacancy in the member's seat in the Assembly arising because of the resignation.
- (2) The issue of a writ for an election to fill the vacancy in the member's seat in the Assembly must be deferred until—
- (a) if the member is elected as a Commonwealth member and a petition against the member's election or return as elected is not lodged within the time allowed for the lodging of that type of petition—the expiration of the time so allowed; or
  - (b) if the member is elected as a Commonwealth member and a petition against the member's election or return as elected is lodged within the time allowed for the lodging of that type of petition—the final decision on that petition; or
  - (c) if the member is not elected as a Commonwealth member and does not lodge a petition against the election or return as elected of another person as a Commonwealth member within the time allowed for the





- (d) the presence and voting of a person who was never properly elected as a member of the Assembly or committee;
- (e) a vacancy in the Assembly's or committee's membership.

## **Chapter 5      Statutory committees of the Assembly**

### **Part 1            Objects and definitions**

#### **78      Main object of ch 5 and its achievement**

- (1) The main object of this chapter is to enhance the accountability of public administration in Queensland.
- (2) The chapter's main object is to be achieved by—
  - (a) establishing the Committee of the Legislative Assembly with areas of responsibility that include the conduct of the Assembly and the ethical conduct of members; and
  - (b) providing for the establishment of a number of portfolio committees with areas of responsibility that collectively cover all areas of government activity; and
  - (c) establishing the Ethics Committee with areas of responsibility that include dealing with complaints about the ethical conduct of members and alleged breaches of parliamentary privilege.

#### **79      Definitions for ch 5**

In this chapter—

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***Annual Appropriation Act*** see the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*, section 6.

***commercial entity*** see section 96(4).

***community service obligation*** see the *Government Owned Corporations Act 1993*, section 112.

***consider*** includes examine and inquire into.

***constructing authority*** see section 96.

***government financial documents*** includes—

- (a) a document tabled in the Assembly under the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*; and
- (b) the annual financial statements and annual reports of a GOC; and
- (c) a document that would be a government financial document if it had been tabled in the Assembly as required by law;

but does not include estimates of receipts for the proposed expenditure under an Annual Appropriation Act.

***major GOC works*** means works (other than public works) undertaken as part of a major infrastructure investment outlined in a GOC's statement of corporate intent.

***public works*** see section 94(1)(b).

***works*** includes—

- (a) a project, service, utility or undertaking; and
- (b) a part or stage of works; and
- (c) a repair, reconstruction or extension of works.

*Examples of paragraph (b)—*

- 1 any intermediate stage of works between planning and completion
- 2 engagement of professional consultants for works
- 3 calling of tenders for works

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## Part 2                      Committee of the Legislative    Assembly

### Division 1                Establishment and operation

#### 80            Establishment

The Committee of the Legislative Assembly is established.

#### 81            Membership

(1) The committee comprises the following members—

- (a) the Leader of the House or alternate;
- (b) the Premier or alternate;
- (c) the Deputy Premier or alternate;
- (d) the Manager of Opposition Business or alternate;
- (e) the Leader of the Opposition or alternate;
- (f) the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or alternate;
- (g) when the committee is dealing with a matter relating to the standing rules and orders—the Speaker.

(2) In this section—

*alternate*, in relation to a member, means another member of the Assembly nominated by the first member to perform the first member's role as a member of the committee.

#### 82            Chairperson

The Leader of the House is to be the chairperson of the committee.

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### **83 Quorum and voting at meetings**

At a meeting of the committee—

- (a) a quorum is 4 members other than the Speaker; and
- (b) a question is decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting; and
- (c) each member has a vote on each question to be decided.

## **Division 2 Role of committee**

### **84 Areas of responsibility**

The committee has the following areas of responsibility—

- (a) the ethical conduct of members;

*Note—*

However, under section 104C(2), a complaint about a particular member not complying with the code of ethical conduct for members may be considered only by the Assembly or the Ethics Committee.

- (b) parliamentary powers, rights and immunities;
- (c) standing rules and orders about the conduct of business by, and the practices and the procedures of, the Assembly and its committees;
- (d) any other matters for which the committee is given responsibility under the standing rules and orders.

### **85 Ethical conduct—registration of interests**

The committee's area of responsibility about the ethical conduct of members includes—

- (a) examining the arrangements, under resolutions or the standing rules and orders of the Assembly, for compiling, keeping and allowing inspection of—
  - (i) a register of the interests of members; and

- (ii) a register of the interests of persons related to members; and
- (b) considering proposals made by members and other persons about the form and content of the registers and documents relevant to the registers, including statements of interests to be made by members; and
- (c) considering the classes of person who should be treated as related to a member; and
- (d) publishing explanatory information about the requirements to register interests; and
- (e) any other responsibility about the registration of interests the Assembly may order the committee to have; and
- (f) considering any other issue about the registration of interests.

## **86 Ethical conduct—code of conduct**

- (1) The committee's area of responsibility about the ethical conduct of members includes—
  - (a) publishing and reviewing a code of ethical conduct for members (other than members in their capacity as Ministers), including procedures for complaints about a member not complying with the code; and
  - (b) the reform of legislation and standing rules and orders about the ethical conduct of members, including the registration or declaration of interests; and
  - (c) publishing explanatory information about the obligations of members about their ethical conduct; and
  - (d) any other responsibility about the ethical conduct of members the Assembly may order the committee to have.
- (2) In reviewing the code of ethical conduct for members, the committee must have regard to—

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- (a) the ethics principles and values set out in the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*; and
- (b) the desirability of consistency between standards in the code of ethical conduct and the ethics principles and values, to the extent the principles and values are relevant to members and their functions.

### **87 Parliamentary powers, rights and immunities**

The committee's area of responsibility about parliamentary powers, rights and immunities includes the powers, rights and immunities of the Assembly and its committees and members.

## **Part 3 Portfolio committees**

### **Division 1 Establishment and operation**

#### **88 Establishment**

- (1) The Assembly must, by standing rules and orders, establish committees of the Assembly under this section (*portfolio committees*).
- (2) The standing rules and orders must state, for each portfolio committee—
  - (a) its name; and
  - (b) its primary area of responsibility (its *portfolio area*); and
  - (c) the number of its members, which must be an even number and must be at least 6.
- (3) Each department must be covered by a portfolio area, whether by allocating the whole department to the portfolio area of a

committee or allocating parts of the department to the portfolio areas of different committees.

- (4) As soon as practicable after a change in the Administrative Arrangements, the Assembly must prepare and adopt any amendments of the standing rules and orders concerning the portfolio committees that are necessary to comply with this section.
- (5) As well as 1 or more departments or parts of departments, a committee's portfolio area may include other government entities and matters.

## **89 Membership**

Half of the members of a portfolio committee are to be nominated by the Leader of the House and half are to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.

## **90 Chairperson**

The chairperson of a portfolio committee is to be the member of the committee nominated as chairperson by the Leader of the House.

## **91 Quorum and voting at meetings**

At a meeting of a portfolio committee—

- (a) a quorum is half the number of members plus 1; and
- (b) a question is decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting; and
- (c) each member has a vote on each question to be decided and, if the votes are equal, the chairperson has a casting vote.

## **Division 2                      Role of portfolio committees**

### **92            Role generally**

- (1) In relation to its portfolio area, a committee may—
  - (a) consider Appropriation Bills; and
  - (b) consider other legislation and proposed legislation as provided in section 93; and
  - (c) perform its role in relation to public accounts and public works as provided in this division.
- (2) A committee is to also deal with an issue referred to it by the Assembly or under another Act, whether or not the issue is within its portfolio area.
- (3) A committee may deal with a matter under this section by—
  - (a) considering the matter; and
  - (b) reporting on the matter, and making recommendations about it, to the Assembly.

### **93            Legislation**

- (1) A portfolio committee is responsible for examining each Bill and item of subordinate legislation in its portfolio area to consider—
  - (a) the policy to be given effect by the legislation; and
  - (b) the application of fundamental legislative principles to the legislation; and

*Note—*

*Fundamental legislative principles* are the principles relating to legislation that underlie a parliamentary democracy based on the rule of law (*Legislative Standards Act 1992*, section 4(1)). The principles include requiring that legislation has sufficient regard to rights and liberties of individuals and the institution of Parliament.

- (c) for subordinate legislation—its lawfulness.



(2) The committee's responsibility includes monitoring, in relation to legislation in its portfolio area, the operation of—

(a) the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*, section 4 and part 4; and

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- section 4 (Meaning of *fundamental legislative principles*)
- part 4 (Explanatory notes)

(b) the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*, section 9 and parts 5 to 8 and 10.

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- section 9 (Meaning of *subordinate legislation*)
- part 5 (Guidelines for regulatory impact statements)
- part 6 (Procedures after making of subordinate legislation)
- part 7 (Staged automatic expiry of subordinate legislation)
- part 8 (Forms)
- part 10 (Transitional)

## 94 Public accounts and public works

(1) A portfolio committee has the following responsibilities to the extent they relate to the committee's portfolio area—

(a) the assessment of the integrity, economy, efficiency and effectiveness of government financial management by—

(i) examining government financial documents; and

(ii) considering the annual and other reports of the auditor-general;

(b) works (***public works***) undertaken by an entity that is a constructing authority for the works if the committee decides to consider the works;

(c) any major GOC works if the committee decides to consider the works.

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- (2) In deciding whether to consider public works, a portfolio committee may have regard to—
- (a) the stated purpose of the works and the apparent suitability of the works for the purpose; and
  - (b) the necessity for, and the advisability of, the works; and
  - (c) value for money achieved, or likely to be achieved, by the works; and
  - (d) revenue produced by, and recurrent costs of, the works or estimates of revenue and costs for the works; and
  - (e) the present and prospective public value of the works, including, for example, consideration of the impact of the works on the community, economy and environment; and
  - (f) procurement methods for the works; and
  - (g) the balance of public and private sector involvement in the works; and
  - (h) the performance of—
    - (i) the constructing authority for the works; and
    - (ii) the consultants and contractors for the works;  
with particular regard to the time taken for finishing the works and the cost and quality of the works; and
  - (i) the actual suitability of the works in meeting the needs and in achieving the stated purpose of the works.

## **95 Reference of issues to auditor-general**

A portfolio committee may refer issues within its portfolio area mentioned in section 94(1)(a) to the auditor-general for consideration.

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**96 Meaning of *constructing authority* for works**

- (1) An entity is a *constructing authority* for works if the entity is the State or a department.
- (2) An entity is also a *constructing authority* for works if—
  - (a) the entity is established under an Act, or under State or local government authorisation, for a public, State or local government purpose; and
  - (b) the works are funded from—
    - (i) the consolidated fund; or
    - (ii) the proceeds of a financial arrangement within the meaning of the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*.
- (3) In addition, a GOC is a *constructing authority* for works if the works are undertaken specifically or substantially for a community service obligation of the GOC.
- (4) Also, an entity (a *commercial entity*) is a *constructing authority* for works if, under an agreement for the works—
  - (a) the State or another entity representing the State—
    - (i) has, or will or may have, a financial liability or interest; or
    - (ii) has granted, or will or may grant land, or an interest in land or another right, privilege, monopoly, concession, franchise or interest; or
    - (iii) has contributed, or will or may contribute, resources of any kind; and
  - (b) the works have become, or will or may become, the absolute property of the State or another entity representing the State.
- (5) A GOC is a *constructing authority* for major GOC works referred to a portfolio committee by the Assembly.

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## **97 Issues to which committee may have regard**

In considering works, a portfolio committee may have regard to the issues mentioned in section 94(2)(a) to (i).

## **98 Entry and inspection of places**

- (1) A portfolio committee may authorise a committee member or anyone else (the *authorised person*) to enter and inspect a place where works that the committee is considering are proposed to be, are being or have been carried out.
- (2) The authorised person may inspect anything in the place relevant to the works.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) prevents the committee from authorising all members of the committee to enter and inspect the place.
- (4) However, the authorised person may enter the place only if the committee or authorised person gives reasonable written notice about the entry to the chief executive of the constructing authority for the works.
- (5) On being given the notice, the chief executive must promptly make arrangements for the entry, including, for example, obtaining the consent of the following—
  - (a) if the place is occupied—the occupier of the place;
  - (b) if the place is not occupied—the owner of the place.
- (6) The arrangements must ensure proper regard is given to safety.
- (7) The authorised person may enter and inspect the place without the consent mentioned in subsection (5) if the chief executive attempted to obtain the consent, but—
  - (a) the attempt was unsuccessful (whether because the occupier or owner refused consent or otherwise); and
  - (b) the chief executive gave written notice about the entry (of at least 7 days) to the occupier or owner.

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- (8) If the authorised person enters the place in the occupier's or owner's absence under subsection (7), the authorised person must give to the occupier or owner a written notice, within 7 days after the entry, stating—
- (a) the authorised person's name; and
  - (b) the purpose for which the place was entered; and
  - (c) the day and time of the entry.

- (9) In this section—

***building*** includes any structure.

***chief executive***, of a constructing authority, includes its chief executive officer, however called.

***place*** includes premises other than residential premises.

***premises*** includes—

- (a) a building; and
- (b) a part of a building; and
- (c) land where a building is situated.

## **99 Restriction on procurement of capital works project**

- (1) This section applies if the Assembly—
- (a) refers works to a portfolio committee; and
  - (b) directs that procurement for the works must not start until the committee has considered the works and reported to the Assembly about the works.
- (2) The works must not start or further proceed until the committee's report is tabled in the Assembly and considered by the Assembly.
- (3) This section applies despite any other Act.

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**100 Dealing with commercially sensitive information in private session**

- (1) This section applies if, while considering works, it appears to a portfolio committee that confidential information may be given to the committee in a public hearing and publication of the information at the hearing could—
  - (a) have a serious effect on the commercial interests of a GOC or commercial entity; or
  - (b) reveal trade secrets of a GOC or commercial entity.
- (2) The committee must deal with the information in private session.
- (3) This section does not limit any other power of a committee to deal with an issue in private session.

**101 Reporting commercially sensitive information to Assembly**

- (1) This section applies if a portfolio committee considers that information obtained by the committee while considering works could, if reported to the Assembly—
  - (a) have a serious effect on the commercial interests of a GOC or commercial entity; or
  - (b) reveal trade secrets of a GOC or commercial entity.
- (2) The committee may report the information to the Assembly only if it considers it is in the public interest to report the information.

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## **Part 4 Ethics Committee**

### **Division 1 Establishment and operation**

#### **102 Establishment**

The Ethics Committee is established.

#### **103 Membership**

The committee comprises 6 members, being—

- (a) 3 members nominated by the Leader of the House; and
- (b) 3 members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.

#### **104 Chairperson**

The chairperson of the committee is to be the member of the committee nominated as chairperson by the Leader of the House.

#### **104A Quorum and voting at meetings**

At a meeting of the committee—

- (a) a quorum is 4 members; and
- (b) a question is decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting; and
- (c) each member has a vote on each question to be decided and, if the votes are equal, the chairperson has a casting vote.

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## **Division 2                      Role of committee**

### **104B Areas of responsibility**

The committee has the following areas of responsibility—

- dealing with complaints about the ethical conduct of particular members
- dealing with alleged breaches of parliamentary privilege by members of the Assembly and other persons.

### **104C Complaints about ethical conduct**

- (1) The committee's area of responsibility about dealing with complaints about the ethical conduct of particular members is to—
  - (a) consider complaints referred to the committee about particular members failing to register particular interests; and
  - (b) consider complaints against particular members for failing to comply with the code of ethical conduct for members, report on complaints to the Assembly and recommend action by the Assembly.
- (2) A complaint about a member not complying with the code of ethical conduct for members may be considered only by the Assembly or the committee.
- (3) Subsection (2) has effect despite any other law, but the subsection does not apply to a court, tribunal or other entity if the entity may, under a law, consider an issue and the issue that is considered involves the commission, or claimed or suspected commission, of a criminal offence.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not limit or otherwise affect the powers, rights and immunities of the Assembly and its committees and members.



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## **Part 5**                      **Change in composition of statutory committee**

### **105**    **Issues dealt with by previously constituted committees**

- (1) If the composition of a statutory committee changes before it finishes dealing with an issue, the newly constituted committee may continue and finish dealing with the issue as if it had dealt with the issue from the beginning.

*Example—*

Evidence given to the previous committee may be taken to have been given to the newly constituted committee.

- (2) Subsection (1) applies even if the committees are constituted during different Parliaments.

## **Chapter 6**                **Other provisions about committees**

### **106**    **Act does not limit Assembly's powers**

The Assembly's power to establish committees, and confer functions and powers on committees (including statutory committees), is not limited by this Act.

*Example—*

The Assembly may, by resolution, establish a standing or select committee.

### **107**    **Ministerial response to committee report**

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) a report of a committee recommends the Government or a Minister should take particular action, or not take particular action, about an issue; or

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- (b) a report of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly or the Ethics Committee recommends a motion be moved in the Assembly to implement a recommendation of the committee.
- (2) The following Minister must provide the Assembly with a response—
  - (a) for a report mentioned in subsection (1)(a)—the Minister who is responsible for the issue that is the subject of the report;
  - (b) for a report mentioned in subsection (1)(b)—the Premier or a Minister nominated by the Premier.
- (3) The response must set out—
  - (a) any recommendations to be adopted, and the way and time within which they will be carried out; and
  - (b) any recommendations not to be adopted and the reasons for not adopting them.
- (4) The Minister must table the response within 3 months after the report is tabled.
- (5) If a Minister can not comply with subsection (4), the Minister must—
  - (a) within 3 months after the report is tabled, table an interim response and the Minister’s reasons for not complying within 3 months; and
  - (b) within 6 months after the report is tabled, table the response.
- (6) If the Assembly is not sitting, the Minister must give the response, or interim response and reasons, to the Clerk.
- (7) The response, or interim response and reasons, is taken to have been tabled on the day they are received by the Clerk.
- (8) The receipt of the response, or interim response and reasons, by the Clerk, and the day of the receipt, must be recorded in the Assembly’s Votes and Proceedings for the next sitting day after the day of receipt.

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- (9) The response, or interim response and reasons, is a response, or interim response and reasons, tabled in the Assembly.
  - (10) Subsection (6) does not limit the Assembly's power by resolution or order to provide for the tabling of a response, or interim response and reasons, when the Assembly is not sitting.
  - (11) This section does not apply to an annual report of a committee.

### **108 Annual report of committee**

- (1) Within 4 months and 14 days after the end of each financial year, the chairperson of each committee that has met and conducted business during the year must table in the Assembly a report about the committee's activities during the year.
- (2) The report must include—
  - (a) a list of meetings of the committee and the names of members attending or absent from each meeting; and
  - (b) a summary of issues considered by the committee, including a description of the more significant issues arising from the considerations; and
  - (c) a statement of the committee's revenue and spending for the year; and
  - (d) a brief description of responses by Ministers to recommendations of the committee.
- (3) This section is subject to the Act or resolution of the Assembly under which the committee is established.

## **Chapter 7            Members' salaries and allowances**

### **Part 1                    Salary of members**

#### **109    Salary entitlement of a member**

A member of the Assembly is entitled to an annual salary that is \$500 less than the annual salary that a member of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, who is not entitled to any additional salary, is entitled to.

#### **110    Variation of member's salary**

A variation in a member's salary takes effect on and from the day the corresponding adjustment to the salary of a member of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth takes effect.

#### **111    Notification of rate of salary**

As soon as practicable after each variation in a member's annual salary takes effect, the Governor in Council must publish by gazette notice a member's varied salary.

### **Part 2                    Additional salaries of members**

#### **112    Additional salary entitlement of some members**

- (1) A member who holds any of the following offices is entitled to be paid salary in addition to the salary the member is entitled to under section 109—
  - (a) office holders in the Assembly—

- the Speaker
  - the Chairperson of Committees
  - the Leader of the House
  - the Leader of the Opposition
  - the Deputy Leader of the Opposition
  - the Manager of Opposition Business
  - the leader in the Assembly of a recognised political party, other than the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Opposition
  - the government whip
  - the opposition whip
  - the government deputy whip
  - the chairperson of a committee to which this section applies
  - a member of a committee to which this section applies;
- (b) Ministers—
- the Premier
  - the Deputy Premier
  - each other Minister;
- (c) each Parliamentary Secretary.
- (2) This section applies to a statutory committee and any other committee prescribed under a regulation.
- (3) For subsection (1), a recognised political party is—
- (a) a registered political party of which at least 10% of the number of Assembly members provided for under the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*, section 11 (rounded up to the nearest whole number) are members; or

*Note—*

*Constitution of Queensland 2001*, section 11 (Number of members of Legislative Assembly)—

The Legislative Assembly is to consist of 89 members.

- (b) a registered political party of which at least 3 of the Assembly members are members if, for the most recent general election, the total number of first preference votes for all candidates who were party members was at least 10% of the total number of first preference votes for all candidates.
- (4) However, a political party is not a recognised political party if an Assembly member who is a party member is also a Minister.
- (5) A political party stops being a recognised political party under subsection (3)(b) if the total number of Assembly members who are party members is not at least 90% of the total number of Assembly members who were party members for the most recent general election (rounded up to the nearest whole number).
- (6) Subsection (5) does not limit another way a political party may stop being a recognised political party.
- (7) A reference in subsection (1)(a) to a member of a committee includes, for the Committee of the Legislative Assembly, a member of the Assembly who is performing the role of a member of the committee as an alternate under section 81.
- (8) In this section—

***Assembly member*** means a member of the Assembly.

***first preference vote*** see the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 3, definition *first preference vote*.

***party member***, in relation to a political party, means a member of the political party.

***political party*** see the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 3, definition *political party*.

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*registered political party* means a political party registered under the *Electoral Act 1992*, part 5.

### **113 Adjustment of additional salary**

- (1) The amount of an additional salary of a member who is an office holder in the Assembly mentioned in section 112(1)(a) or a Minister mentioned in section 112(1)(b) is the additional salary the member was entitled to immediately before the commencement of this section, as varied under section 115.
- (2) The amount of the additional salary of a Parliamentary Secretary is the amount fixed by the Governor in Council by gazette notice.

### **114 Only 1 additional salary is payable**

- (1) This section applies if a person is—
  - (a) an office holder or Minister mentioned more than once in section 112(1)(a) or (b); or
  - (b) an office holder mentioned in section 112(1)(a) and a Parliamentary Secretary mentioned in section 112(1)(c); or
  - (c) an office holder mentioned in section 112(1)(a) and a Minister mentioned in section 112(1)(b).
- (2) The person is entitled to be paid only 1 additional salary.

### **115 Variation of member's additional salary**

- (1) Whenever a variation to a member's salary takes effect under section 110, an additional salary payable to the member under section 112(1)(a) or (b) is varied by the same percentage.
- (2) The variation to the additional salary takes effect on and from the day the variation under section 110 takes effect.

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### **116 Additional salary of Deputy Speaker**

If the Chairperson of Committees acts as the Speaker for a continuous period of 30 days or more, for the whole of the period the Chairperson of Committees acts, the Chairperson of Committees is to be paid an additional salary at the rate for the time being applicable to the office of the Speaker, instead of the additional salary payable to him or her as Chairperson of Committees.

### **117 Additional salary of temporary Chairperson of Committees**

If a temporary Chairperson of Committees acts in the office of the Chairperson of Committees for a continuous period of 30 days or more, for the whole of the period the temporary Chairperson of Committees acts, the temporary Chairperson of Committees is to be paid an additional salary at the rate for the time being applicable to the office of the Chairperson of Committees.

### **118 Additional salary of acting Minister**

- (1) If a Minister acts in another Minister's office for which a higher additional salary is payable for a continuous period of 30 days or more, for the whole of the period the Minister acts, the Minister is to be paid the higher additional salary.
- (2) If a member acts as a Minister for a continuous period of 30 days or more, for the whole of the period the member acts, the member is to be paid an additional salary at the rate for the time being applicable to the office of the Minister.



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## **Part 3                      When salaries are paid**

### **119      Application of pt 3**

This part only applies for the purpose of deciding the period for which a salary or additional salary is payable.

### **120      When salary is paid to a member**

- (1) A person is entitled to salary as a member from the day of the poll at which the person is elected as a member until the day the person stops being a member.
- (2) For subsection (1), if the person is a member on the expiry or dissolution of the Assembly—
  - (a) the person does not stop being a member on the expiry or dissolution; and
  - (b) if the person is not elected at the general election held after the expiry or dissolution, the person stops being a member on the polling day for the general election.

### **121      When additional salary under s 112 is paid**

- (1) A member who is entitled to additional salary under section 112 for holding an office is entitled to be paid the additional salary from the day of—
  - (a) for an office holder appointed by the Assembly—the appointment; or
  - (b) in any other case—notification of the appointment to the Speaker or the Assembly;until the day the person stops holding the office.
- (2) For subsection (1), the person stops holding the office on—
  - (a) for the Speaker—the day the person's appointment as Speaker ends under section 14(3) or 15; or

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- (b) for the Chairperson of Committees—the day the person's appointment as Chairperson ends under section 17(3) or 18; or
- (c) for a Minister—the day the person's appointment as Minister ends under the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*, section 34; or
- (d) for a Parliamentary Secretary—the day the person's appointment as Parliamentary Secretary ends under the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*, section 26; or
- (e) for a member who is a chairperson or a member of a committee to which section 112 applies on the expiry or dissolution of the Assembly—the polling day for the general election held after the expiry or dissolution; or
- (f) for another person holding office—
  - (i) the day the person resigns the office; or
  - (ii) the day the person stops being a member; or
  - (iii) the day a successor is appointed to the office and, if the successor is not appointed by the Assembly, the Assembly or Speaker is notified of the appointment of the successor.

## **122 Apparent vacation of seat when Assembly not sitting**

- (1) This section applies if at any time when the Assembly is not sitting the seat of any member has become vacant for any cause.
- (2) The Speaker, or if the member concerned is the Speaker, the Chairperson of Committees, may direct the Treasurer to retain the amounts that would be payable to the member for the interval between the happening of the cause and the next sitting or session of the Assembly.
- (3) If the Assembly declares the seat to have been vacated, no payment is to be made to the member for the time that has elapsed since the happening of the cause.

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- (4) However, if the seat is not declared to have been vacated, the amounts retained by the Treasurer are to be immediately paid to the member.

### **123 Annual reversion to treasury of undrawn moneys**

- (1) If amounts payable to any member under any provision of this chapter have not been drawn by the member before the expiration of 7 days after 1 July in each year, the amounts are to revert to the treasury and become part of the consolidated fund.
- (2) The member is no longer entitled to payment of the amounts.

## **Part 4 Salary sacrifice**

### **123B Member may salary sacrifice**

- (1) A member may, by written notice given to the Clerk, elect that the annual salary and any additional salary of the member—
- (a) be provided—
- (i) in part by the payment of salary to the member; and
- (ii) in part by the payment of superannuation contributions to the State Public Sector Superannuation Fund for the member; or
- (b) be provided entirely by the payment of superannuation contributions to the State Public Sector Superannuation Fund for the member.
- (2) Despite part or all of the annual salary or any additional salary of the member being paid to the State Public Sector Superannuation Fund under the election, the member is taken to have received the annual salary and any additional salary the member is entitled to.

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(3) In this section—

*additional salary*, of a member, means salary the member is entitled to under part 2.

*annual salary*, of a member, means the annual salary the member is entitled to under part 1.

*State Public Sector Superannuation Fund* means the State Public Sector Superannuation Fund under the *Superannuation (State Public Sector) Act 1990*.

### **123C Variation or revocation of election**

A member may vary or revoke an election made under section 123B by written notice given to the Clerk.

## **Part 5 Allowances**

### **123D Definitions for pt 5**

In this part—

*advance allowance* means an allowance of a particular type payable to a member under the handbook in relation to a period and in advance for the period.

*handbook* means the Members' Entitlements Handbook.

*Members' Entitlements Handbook* means the Members' Entitlements Handbook setting out 'benefits afforded members and former members of the Queensland Legislative Assembly' approved by the Governor in Council and includes amendments of the handbook approved by the Governor in Council from time to time and published in the gazette.

*prescribed rate of interest* means interest at the Reserve Bank of Australia cash rate plus 50 basis points, calculated daily.

*Editor's note—*

The cash rate is published on the Reserve Bank of Australia website at <www.rba.gov.au>.

***pro rata amount*** of an advance allowance relating to the remainder of a period means the proportion of the amount of the allowance that is the same proportion that the remainder of the period bears to the whole period.

**123E Liability of former members to repay amounts advanced under handbook**

- (1) If a member is paid an advance allowance and then stops being a member before the end of the period in relation to which the allowance is paid, the member is liable to repay the pro rata amount of the allowance relating to the remainder of the period (the ***overpaid amount***).
- (2) If any part of the overpaid amount is unpaid after the end of 6 months after the day the member stops being a member, the prescribed rate of interest is payable on the unpaid amount.
- (3) The overpaid amount together with any interest payable under subsection (2) is a debt owing to the State and may be recovered by the Clerk, with the approval of the Premier, in a court of competent jurisdiction.

**123F Provision relating to member not returned at the general election of 9 September 2006**

- (1) This section applies to a person—
  - (a) who was a member before the general election held on 9 September 2006 and was not returned at the election, whether or not the person was a candidate for the election; and
  - (b) who, before the election, was paid an advance allowance in relation to the 6 month period from 1 July 2006; and
  - (c) who has not repaid the pro rata amount of the allowance relating to the remainder of the period in relation to

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which the allowance was paid, being the part of the period after the election (the *overpaid amount*).

- (2) The person is liable to repay the overpaid amount.
- (3) If any part of the overpaid amount is unpaid after 30 June 2007, the prescribed rate of interest is payable on the unpaid amount.
- (4) The overpaid amount together with any interest payable under subsection (3) is a debt owing to the State and may be recovered by the Clerk, with the approval of the Premier, in a court of competent jurisdiction.

### **123G Clerk's certificate**

A certificate signed by the Clerk stating any of the following is evidence of the matter stated—

- (a) that a person was a member who had received an advance allowance of a stated amount in relation to a stated period;
- (b) that under this part the person is liable to repay a stated amount of the advance allowance and any accrued interest;
- (c) that the person at a stated date had not paid a stated amount the person is liable to repay under this part.

## **Chapter 8      Miscellaneous**

### **124      Regulation-making power**

The Governor in Council may make regulations under this Act.

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## **Chapter 9            Repeals and transitional provisions for Act No. 81 of 2001**

### **Part 1                    Repeals**

#### **125    Repeals**

The following Acts are repealed—

- Constitution Act Amendment Act 1896 60 Vic No. 5
- Parliamentary Committees Act 1995 No. 38
- Parliamentary Members' Salaries Act 1988 No. 32
- Parliamentary Papers Act 1992 No. 32.

### **Part 13                    Transitional provisions**

#### **154    Retrospective application of s 9**

- (1) This section applies to all words spoken and acts done in the course of, or for the purposes of or incidental to, transacting business of the Assembly or a committee before the commencement of section 9 that would have been proceedings in the Assembly if they had happened after the commencement of section 9.
- (2) The protection provided by section 8 in relation to proceedings in the Assembly extends to all the words and acts.

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**155 Saving of standing rules and orders**

The standing rules and orders of the Assembly in existence immediately before the commencement of this section, from the commencement are taken to have been prepared and adopted under section 11.

**156 Continuation of the Speaker**

The member holding office as Speaker immediately before the commencement of this section, from the commencement is taken to hold office under section 14.

**157 Continuation of the Chairperson of Committees**

The member holding office as Chairperson of Committees immediately before the commencement of this section, from the commencement is taken to hold office under section 17.

**158 Continuation of existing law relating to previous contempt**

- (1) This section applies to an act done or omission made before the commencement of this section that constituted contempt of the Assembly.
- (2) The contempt is to be dealt with as if this Act and the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* had not been passed.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), the *Constitution Act 1867*, sections 45 to 52 as they existed immediately before those sections were omitted by the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* continue to apply, despite being omitted, to the act or omission.

**159 Transitional provisions relating to chapter 4**

- (1) Chapter 4 applies to a member even if the member is a person whose membership of the Assembly was continued under the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*, section 81.



- (2) Section 64(2) applies in relation to circumstances of imprisonment, detention, conviction, bankruptcy, execution of deed of arrangement, acceptance of composition or other event mentioned in the subsection even if they happened, or any act, omission or other circumstance to which they relate happened, before the commencement of the subsection.
- (3) Section 66 applies in relation to the paid State appointment mentioned in the section, even if the circumstances of appointment or any of them arose before the commencement of the section.
- (4) Section 67 applies in relation to a office holder or deputy of an office holder mentioned in the section, even if the circumstances of appointment or any of them arose before the commencement of the section.
- (5) Section 68 applies in relation to a person mentioned in the section, even if the circumstances of membership or appointment mentioned in relation to the person or any of them arose before the commencement of the section.
- (6) Section 71(1)—
  - (a) applies in relation to the transaction of business mentioned in the subsection, even if it is a continuation of the transaction of business started before the commencement of the subsection; and
  - (b) does not apply to the transaction of business that ended before the commencement of the subsection.
- (7) Subject to subsection (6), the *Legislative Assembly Act 1867*, section 7B continues to apply, despite the repeal of that Act, to the transaction of business and the performance of any duty or service mentioned in the section.
- (8) Section 72(1)(i) to (n) applies in relation to circumstances of conviction, imprisonment, bankruptcy, breach of terms of a deed of arrangement or composition, or absence mentioned in the subsection even if they happened, or any act, omission or other circumstance to which they relate happened, before the commencement of the subsection.

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## **160 Continuation of existing statutory committees**

- (1) Each statutory committee established under section 80 is a continuation of the corresponding committee established under the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1995*.
- (2) From the repeal of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1995*, the membership of each statutory committee before the repeal continues as the membership of the same committee continued under subsection (1).
- (3) A statutory committee that, immediately before the repeal of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1995* was dealing with an issue within its areas of responsibility under that Act, from the repeal may continue to deal with the issue under this Act.

## **161 Application of ch 3, pt 3**

Chapter 3, part 3 applies to evidence given and documents tabled, printed or published at any time whether before or after the commencement of chapter 3, part 3 of this Act as originally enacted.

# **Chapter 10 Further transitional provisions**

## **Part 1 Parliament of Queensland Amendment Act 2003**

### **162 Transitional provision**

Chapter 3, part 3 applies to records relating to proceedings in the Assembly at any time whether before or after the commencement of this section.

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## Part 2                      Parliament of Queensland Amendment Act 2004

### 163      Transitional provision

- (1) During the transitional period, section 71(2) is taken always to have applied in relation to a contract as if the amendment had commenced on 6 June 2002.
- (2) For deciding whether a member has contravened section 71(1) during the transitional period, section 72(1)(h) is taken to apply as if the amendment had commenced on 6 June 2002.
- (3) Section 159(6) has effect as if the amendment had commenced on 6 June 2002.
- (4) In this section—

*amendment* means the *Parliament of Queensland Amendment Act 2004*, section 3.

*transitional period* means the period starting at the beginning of 6 June 2002 and ending at the end of the day before the commencement of the amendment.

## Part 3                      Parliament of Queensland Amendment Act 2009

### 164      Transitional provision

- (1) In an Act or document, if the context permits, a reference to the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee is taken to be a reference to the Law, Justice and Safety Committee.
- (2) In an Act or document, if the context permits, a reference to the Public Accounts Committee or the Public Works

Committee is taken to be a reference to the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee.

## **Part 4**

# **Integrity Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2010**

### **165 Statements of interests**

A member is taken to have complied with section 69B if, at the commencement of this section, the member had, as required under schedule 2 of the standing rules and orders, provided a statement of interests and given notification of any change in details.

### **166 Registers under standing rules and orders**

The registers kept under schedule 2 of the standing rules and orders and in existence immediately before the commencement of this section continue as the registers required to be kept under section 69C.

### **167 Provision for amendments to ss 70 and 71**

- (1) During the transitional period, section 71(1) and (2) are taken always to have applied in relation to a contract or the performance of a duty or service as if sections 70 and 71 as amended by the amendment had commenced on 6 June 2002.
- (2) For deciding whether a member has contravened section 71(1) during the transitional period, section 72(1)(h) is taken to apply as if sections 70 and 71 as amended by the amendment had commenced on 6 June 2002.
- (3) Section 159(6) has effect as if sections 70 and 71 as amended by the amendment had commenced on 6 June 2002.

(4) In this section—

*amendment* means the *Integrity Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2010*, sections 75 and 76.

*transitional period* means the period starting at the beginning of 6 June 2002 and ending at the end of the day before the commencement of the amendment.

## Part 5

# Parliament of Queensland (Reform and Modernisation) Amendment Act 2011

### 168 Definitions for pt 5

In this part—

*commencement* means the commencement of the provision in which the term is used.

*repealed*, in relation to a section, means as in force before the repeal of the section by the *Parliament of Queensland (Reform and Modernisation) Amendment Act 2011*.

### 169 Committee of the Legislative Assembly

- (1) The CLA is a committee to which section 112 applies.
- (2) A reference in section 112(1)(a) to a member of a committee includes a member of the Assembly who is, as a nominee, performing the role of a member of the CLA.
- (3) On the commencement of this subsection, the CLA continues as the committee established under section 79A.
- (4) In this section—

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*CLA* means the committee appointed by a resolution of the Assembly on 10 March 2011 to be known as the Committee of the Legislative Assembly.

### **170 Initial membership of Ethics Committee**

- (1) This section applies to each person who, immediately before the commencement, was a member of the Integrity, Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee established under repealed section 80.
- (2) The person continues as a member of the Ethics Committee established under section 102 until the appointment of members of the committee who have been nominated under section 103.

### **171 Continuation of Scrutiny of Legislation Committee for transitional period**

- (1) The scrutiny committee continues until the end of the transitional period.
- (2) During the transitional period, the scrutiny committee continues to have the area of responsibility that it had immediately before the commencement under repealed section 103, but only to the extent of—
  - (a) considering the application of fundamental legislative principles to—
    - (i) Bills introduced into the Assembly before the commencement; and
    - (ii) subordinate legislation made before the commencement; and
  - (b) considering the lawfulness of subordinate legislation made before the commencement; and
  - (c) continuing to conduct its current inquiries.
- (3) In this section—

*current inquiry* means an inquiry of the scrutiny committee, acting in its area of responsibility under repealed section 103(2), that the committee started before the commencement but had not completed by the commencement.

*scrutiny committee* means the committee that, immediately before the commencement, was the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee established under repealed section 80.

*transitional period* means the period from the commencement until the end of the day on 30 June 2011.

## **172 Material held by committees**

- (1) A member of the Assembly who was a member of a pre-reform committee may give to the Clerk any material held by the committee immediately before the commencement.
- (2) The Clerk may make the material available to a statutory committee to which the material is relevant.
- (3) In this section—

*pre-reform committee* means a committee established under repealed section 80.

## **173 Additional salary of Manager of Opposition Business**

- (1) Despite section 113(1), the amount of an additional salary of a member who is the Manager of Opposition Business is the amount fixed by the Governor in Council by gazette notice, as varied under section 115.
- (2) The gazette notice under subsection (1) has retrospective operation to 10 March 2011.

## **174 Additional salary of committee chairpersons**

- (1) The Governor in Council may, by gazette notice, fix an amount of an additional salary to which a committee chairperson is entitled to.

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- (2) If an amount is fixed by gazette notice under subsection (1) then, despite section 113(1), the amount of an additional salary of a member who is the committee chairperson is the amount fixed by the gazette notice, as varied under section 115.
- (3) In this section—  
*committee chairperson* means the chairperson of a committee to which section 112 applies.

### **175 Transitional—waivers**

- (1) This section applies to a waiver held by the Speaker that was given to the Speaker under section 65(5) before the commencement.
- (2) The Speaker must give the waiver to the registrar.
- (3) The registrar must, in accordance with the standing rules and orders, include a copy of the waiver as part of the register of members' interests.



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# Schedule Dictionary

## section 3

*Annual Appropriation Act* for chapter 5, see section 79.

*Assembly* means the Legislative Assembly.

*authorised committee* means—

- (a) a statutory committee; or
- (b) a committee of the Assembly authorised by the Assembly or an Act to call for persons, documents and other things.

*authorising person* for chapter 3, part 3, see section 48.

*Bill* means a Bill for an Act proposed for enactment by the Parliament.

*broadcast* for chapter 3, part 3, see section 48.

*candidate*, for election, see *Electoral Act 1992*, section 3, definition *candidate*.

*Chairperson of Committees* means the Chairperson of Committees in the Assembly.

*chief reporter* means the chief reporter, parliamentary reporting staff.

*Clerk* means the Clerk of the Parliament.

*commercial entity* for chapter 5, see section 79.

*committee* means a committee of the Assembly, whether or not a statutory committee.

*Committee of the Whole House* means the Committee of the Whole House of the Legislative Assembly.

*community service obligation* for chapter 5, see section 79.

*consider* for chapter 5, see section 79.

*constructing authority* for chapter 5, see section 79.

**corrective services facility** see the *Corrective Services Act 2006*, schedule 4, definition *corrective services facility*.

**corresponding law of another jurisdiction** means a corresponding law of another jurisdiction, whether inside or outside Australia.

**Deputy Leader of the Opposition** means the member recognised in the Assembly as the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

**Deputy Premier** means the Minister who is recognised as the deputy for the Premier.

**division** means any voting of the Assembly or any Committee of the Whole House for which a division is called on any question.

**entity**, of a State, means—

- (a) the relevant State; or
- (b) the Governor or Governor in Council of the relevant State; or
- (c) a Minister of the relevant State; or
- (d) a department, service, agency, authority, commission, corporation, instrumentality, board, office, or other entity, established for a government purpose of the relevant State; or
- (e) an entity a majority or more of members of which, or of the governing body of which, are appointed by—
  - (i) an entity of the relevant State; or
  - (ii) a Minister of, or a person holding a paid public appointment under, the relevant State; or
- (f) a part of an entity mentioned in paragraph (d) or (e).

**entity**, of the Commonwealth, means—

- (a) the Commonwealth; or
- (b) the Governor-General or the Governor-General in Council of the Commonwealth; or
- (c) a Minister of the Commonwealth; or

- (d) a department, service, agency, authority, commission, corporation, instrumentality, board, office, or other entity, established for a Commonwealth government purpose; or
- (e) an entity a majority or more of members of which, or of the governing body of which, are appointed by—
  - (i) an entity of the Commonwealth; or
  - (ii) a Minister of, or a person holding a paid public appointment under, the Commonwealth; or
- (f) a part of an entity mentioned in paragraph (d) or (e).

**expiry**, of the Assembly, means expiry of the Assembly by passage of time.

**fundamental legislative principles** see the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*, section 4.

**general election** see the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 3, definition *general election*.

**government company** means a corporation incorporated under the Corporations Act all the stock or shares in the capital of which is or are beneficially owned by the State.

**government entity** means any of the following—

- (a) a government entity under the *Public Service Act 2008*, section 24;
- (b) a GOC;
- (c) a government company;
- (d) a statutory authority or other entity established under an Act;
- (e) an office established under an Act.

**government financial documents** for chapter 5, see section 79.

**government printer** means the Government Printer of Queensland and includes an officer or employee of the government printer acting in the course of the person's duties.

***inquiry*** means an inquiry held under the authority of the Assembly.

***Leader of the House*** means the member recognised in the Assembly as the Leader of the House.

***Leader of the Opposition*** means the member recognised in the Assembly as the Leader of the Opposition.

***major GOC works*** for chapter 5, see section 79.

***Manager of Opposition Business*** means the member recognised in the Assembly as the Manager of Opposition Business.

***member*** means a member of the Assembly.

***office***, held by a person, includes position.

***paid public appointment*** see section 65(1).

***paid State appointment*** see section 65(2).

***parliamentary record*** for chapter 3, part 3, see section 49.

***parliamentary service*** means the parliamentary service established under the Parliamentary Service Act 1988.

***portfolio area***, of a portfolio committee, see section 88(2)(b).

***portfolio committee*** means a committee established under section 88.

***possession***—

- (a) for a document in the possession of the Assembly, or a committee or an inquiry, includes a document tabled in, or presented or submitted to, the Assembly, the committee or the inquiry; and
- (b) generally includes the following—
  - (i) control;
  - (ii) power.

***proceedings in the Assembly*** see section 9.

***publication*** for chapter 3, part 3, see section 48.

***public works*** for chapter 5, see section 79.

**registrar** see section 69C(1).

**reward** includes fee.

**rights** includes privileges.

**Speaker** means the Speaker of the Assembly.

**standing rules and orders** means the standing rules and orders adopted under section 11.

**statutory committee** means any of the following committees—

- (a) the Committee of the Legislative Assembly;
- (b) a portfolio committee;
- (c) the Ethics Committee.

**tabled** in or at, includes laid before.

**temporary Chairperson of Committees** means a member appointed or recognised as a temporary Chairperson of Committees under the standing rules and orders.

**transacts business**, with an entity of the State, see section 70.

**works** for chapter 5, see section 79.

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### 3 Key

#### Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

Key	Explanation	Key	Explanation
AIA	= Acts Interpretation Act 1954	(prev)	= previously
amd	= amended	proc	= proclamation
amdt	= amendment	prov	= provision
ch	= chapter	pt	= part
def	= definition	pubd	= published
div	= division	R[X]	= Reprint No. [X]
exp	= expires/expired	RA	= Reprints Act 1992
gaz	= gazette	reloc	= relocated
hdg	= heading	renum	= renumbered
ins	= inserted	rep	= repealed
lap	= lapsed	(retro)	= retrospectively
notfd	= notified	rv	= revised edition
num	= numbered	s	= section
o in c	= order in council	sch	= schedule
om	= omitted	sdiv	= subdivision
orig	= original	SIA	= Statutory Instruments Act 1992
p	= page	SIR	= Statutory Instruments Regulation 2002
para	= paragraph	SL	= subordinate legislation
prec	= preceding	sub	= substituted
pres	= present	unnum	= unnumbered
prev	= previous		

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1F	2006 Act No. 16	24 April 2006	
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### **Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2003 No. 19 ss 1, 3 sch**

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### **Parliament of Queensland Amendment Act (No. 2) 2003 No. 39**

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ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent  
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**Corrective Services Act 2006 No. 29 ss 1, 2(2), 518 sch 3**

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**Criminal Code Amendment Act 2006 No. 30 pts 1, 3**

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commenced on date of assent

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ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent  
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ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent  
remaining provisions commenced 1 July 2009 (2009 SL No. 80)

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remaining provisions commenced 1 July 2010 (2010 SL No. 122)

**Integrity Act 2009 No. 52 ss 1–2, ch 9 pt 3**

date of assent 3 December 2009

ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent

remaining provisions commenced 1 January 2010 (2009 SL No. 310)

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 pres s 86 (prev s 79G) ins 2011 No. 15 s 7  
 renum 2011 No. 15 s 28

### **Parliamentary powers, rights and immunities**

**s 87** prev s 87 om 2011 No. 15 s 30(2)  
 pres s 87 (prev s 79H) ins 2011 No. 15 s 7  
 renum 2011 No. 15 s 28

## **PART 3—PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES**

**pt hdg** sub 2011 No. 15 s 29

### **Division 1—Establishment and operation**

**div hdg** ins 2011 No. 15 s 29

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**Establishment**

**s 88** prev s 88 om 2011 No. 15 s 30(2)  
pres s 88 ins 2011 No. 15 s 29

**Membership**

**s 89** prev s 89 om 2011 No. 15 s 30(2)  
pres s 89 ins 2011 No. 15 s 29

**Chairperson**

**s 90** prev s 90 sub 2009 No. 52 s 109  
amd 2011 No. 15 s 10  
om 2011 No. 15 s 30(2)  
pres s 90 ins 2011 No. 15 s 29

**Integrity of public institutions**

**s 90A** ins 2009 No. 52 s 109  
om 2011 No. 15 s 30(2)

**Quorum and voting at meetings**

**s 91** prev s 91 om 2011 No. 15 s 11  
pres s 91 ins 2011 No. 15 s 29

**Division 2—Role of portfolio committees**

**div hdg** ins 2011 No. 15 s 29

**Role generally**

**prov hdg** amd 2011 No. 15 s 12(1)  
**s 92** prev s 92 amd 2010 No. 37 s 70 sch; 2011 No. 15 s 12(2)  
om 2011 No. 15 s 30(2)  
pres s 92 ins 2011 No. 15 s 29

**Legislation**

**s 93** prev s 93 om 2011 No. 15 s 13  
pres s 93 ins 2011 No. 15 s 29

**Public accounts and public works**

**prov hdg** amd 2011 No. 15 s 31(1)  
**s 94** prev s 94 om 2009 No. 7 s 8  
pres s 94 (prev s 95 (orig s 96)) amd 2009 No. 7 s 10(2)  
renum 2009 No. 7 s 10(3)  
amd 2011 No. 15 s 31(2)–(3)  
renum 2011 No. 15 s 39

**Reference of issues to auditor-general**

**prov hdg** sub 2009 No. 7 s 10(1)  
**s 95** prev s 95 om 2009 No. 7 s 8  
pres s 95 (prev s 96) ins 2009 No. 7 s 11  
amd 2011 No. 15 s 32  
renum 2011 No. 15 s 39

**Meaning of “constructing authority” for works**

**s 96** (prev s 97) amd 2011 No. 15 s 33  
renum 2011 No. 15 s 39

**Issues to which committee may have regard**

**s 97** (prev s 98) sub 2009 No. 7 s 12  
amd 2011 No. 15 s 34  
renum 2011 No. 15 s 39

**Entry and inspection of places**

**s 98** (prev s 99) amd 2009 No. 7 s 13; 2011 No. 15 s 35  
renum 2011 No. 15 s 39

**Restriction on procurement of capital works project**

**s 99** (prev s 100) amd 2009 No. 7 s 13; 2011 No. 15 s 36  
renum 2011 No. 15 s 39

**Dealing with commercially sensitive information in private session**

**s 100** (prev s 101) amd 2009 No. 7 s 13; 2011 No. 15 s 37  
renum 2011 No. 15 s 39

**Reporting commercially sensitive information to Assembly**

**s 101** (prev s 102) amd 2009 No. 7 s 13; 2011 No. 15 s 38  
renum 2011 No. 15 s 39

**PART 4—ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**pt hdg** prev pt 4 hdg om 2011 No. 15 s 30(1)  
pres pt 4 hdg ins 2011 No. 15 s 41

**Division 1—Establishment and operation**

**div hdg** prev div 1 hdg sub 2009 No. 7 s 6  
om 2011 No. 15 s 30(2)  
pres div 1 hdg ins 2011 No. 15 s 41

**Establishment**

**s 102** ins 2011 No. 15 s 41

**Membership**

**s 103** prev s 103 amd 2010 No. 37 s 70 sch  
om 2011 No. 15 s 40  
pres s 103 ins 2011 No. 15 s 41

**Chairperson**

**s 104** prev s 104 om 2011 No. 15 s 14  
pres s 104 ins 2011 No. 15 s 41

**Quorum and voting at meetings**

**s 104A** ins 2011 No. 15 s 41

**Division 2—Role of committee**

**div hdg** prev div 2 hdg sub 2009 No. 52 s 108  
om 2011 No. 15 s 30(2)  
pres div 2 hdg ins 2011 No. 15 s 41

**Areas of responsibility**

**s 104B** ins 2011 No. 15 s 41

**Complaints about ethical conduct**

s 104C ins 2011 No. 15 s 41

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prev div 3 hdg ins 2009 No. 7 s 9  
om 2011 No. 15 s 30(3)

**Division 4—Scrutiny of Legislation Committee**

div hdg orig div 4 hdg om 2009 No. 7 s 9  
prev div 4 hdg (orig div 5 hdg) renum 2009 No. 7 s 14  
om 2011 No. 15 s 40

**Division 5—Standing Orders Committee**

div hdg (prev div 6 hdg) renum 2009 No. 7 s 14  
om 2011 No. 15 s 14

**Ministerial response to committee report**

s 107 amd 2003 No. 19 s 3 sch; 2011 No. 15 ss 15, 42

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**Additional salary entitlement of some members**

s 112 amd 2003 No. 39 s 3; 2010 No. 37 s 70 sch; 2011 No. 15 ss 16, 43(1) (retro),  
(2)–(4)

**Only 1 additional salary is payable**

s 114 amd 2006 No. 16 s 66

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renum 2003 No. 8 s 11(4)

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**pt hdg** ins 2010 No. 37 s 77(3)

**Transitional provision**

**prov hdg** amd 2010 No. 37 s 70 sch

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**s 169** (1), (2), (4) ins 2011 No. 15 s 44 (retro)

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**Initial membership of Ethics Committee**

**s 170** ins 2011 No. 15 s 44

**Continuation of Scrutiny of Legislation Committee for transitional period**

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**s 172** ins 2011 No. 15 s 44

**Additional salary of Manager of Opposition Business**

**s 173** ins 2011 No. 15 s 44 (retro)

**Additional salary of committee chairpersons**

**s 174** ins 2011 No. 15 s 44

**Transitional—waivers**

**s 175** ins 2011 No. 15 s 44

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def “**broadcast**” ins 2003 No. 8 s 16(2)

def “**corrective services facility**” amd 2006 No. 29 s 518 sch 3

def “**Deputy Leader of the Opposition**” ins 2011 No. 15 s 45(2)

def “**Deputy Premier**” ins 2011 No. 15 s 45(2)

def “**entity**”, of a State, amd 2007 No. 36 s 2 sch

def “**entity**”, of the Commonwealth, amd 2007 No. 36 s 2 sch

def “**government company**” ins 2011 No. 15 s 45(2)

def “**government entity**” ins 2011 No. 15 s 45(2)

def “**government printer**” sub 2003 No. 8 s 16

def “**Leader of the House**” ins 2011 No. 15 s 45(2)

def “**Leader of the Opposition**” ins 2011 No. 15 s 45(2)

def “**Manager of Opposition Business**” ins 2011 No. 15 s 45(2) (retro)

def “**parliamentary record**” ins 2003 No. 8 s 16(2)

def “**parliamentary service**” ins 2011 No. 15 s 45(2)  
def “**portfolio area**” ins 2011 No. 15 s 45(2)  
def “**portfolio committee**” ins 2011 No. 15 s 45(2)  
def “**proposed national scheme legislation**” om 2011 No. 15 s 45(1)  
def “**publication**” ins 2003 No. 8 s 16(2)  
def “**registrar**” ins 2010 No. 37 s 79  
def “**statutory committee**” sub 2011 No. 15 ss 17, 45  
def “**transacts business**” ins 2010 No. 37 s 79

## 8 Information about retrospectivity

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