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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1968)

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Family Court Act* is hereby amended.

2. Section 3 is struck out and the following sections are substituted:

3. (1) There shall be a family court for the Province and the court shall be styled "The Family Court of Alberta".

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint any magistrate as a judge of the Family Court.

3a. The Attorney General may

- (a) designate the place at which a judge shall establish his residence,
- (b) designate the place or places at which a judge shall hold court,
- (c) designate the place or places at which a judge shall establish an office,
- (d) designate the day or days on which a judge shall hold court at any place,
- (e) require a judge to change his place of residence, or to change the place or places at which he is to hold court, or to change the day or days on which he is to hold court at any place, or to establish an office at a different place than the place at which he has an office, and
- (f) require a judge to act during the absence of another judge in the place and stead of the judge who is absent.

3. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

## **Explanatory Notes**

**1.** This Bill amends chapter 108 of the Revised Statutes.

**2.** Section 3 presently reads:

**3.** (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council by order may

(a) establish a Family Court in a municipality or area within the Province to be known as The Family Court of the municipality or area concerned, and

(b) Repealed (1966, c. 32, s. 3)

(1a) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a magistrate as a judge of the Family Court of a municipality or area, with jurisdiction in every part of the Province.

(2) A Family Court is a court of record.

The proposed amendment is designed to widen the territorial jurisdiction of Family Court judges, to better enable them to deal with their work in a highly-mobile and fast-moving society.