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HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- 1. In this Act**
 - (a) "Minister" means the Minister of Consumer Affairs.
 - (b) "Council" means the Alberta Action Council on the Status of Women.

- 2. There is hereby established an Alberta Action Council on the Status of Women.**

- 3. The objects of the Council are and it has power:**
 - (a) to examine the Report on the Federal Royal Commission on the Status of Women insofar as it relates to matters within the legislative authority of the Province and to report to the Minister and the public the results of its studies;
 - (b) to encourage discussion and the expression of opinion by Alberta residents on the recommendations of the Royal Commission Report;
 - (c) to advise the Minister responsible, in respect of such matters relating to the status of women as the Minister may refer to the Council for its consideration;
 - (d) to initiate studies related to the status of women and make to the Minister any appropriate recommendations which derive therefrom;
 - (e) to publish such of the reports, studies and recommendations which are prepared under the authority of the Council and which the Minister or the Council wish to publish;
 - (f) to make recommendations regarding appointments to Boards and Agencies established under the authority of a Provincial Statute;
 - (g) to study existing and proposed provincial legislation and regulations and to advise on changes

which would ensure or contribute to equitable treatment for women under the law;

- (h) to establish liaison with other provinces with respect to the study of and implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission Report; **and**
- (i) to initiate such other action as may be appropriate to ensure the achievement of its objectives.

4. (1) The Minister shall appoint 11 members, 7 of whom shall be representatives of Alberta women's organizations, to the Council.

(2) The Council shall, on its own initiative, appoint an additional 11 members.

(3) The Council shall, at its first meeting, elect a chairperson and deputy chairperson.

5. The Council shall, at its initial meeting, appoint an ad hoc committee to make such by-laws as are considered expedient for its constitution and the administration of its affairs respecting

- (a) the calling of meetings of the Council,
- (b) the conduct of business thereat, including the fixing of a quorum,
- (c) the duties and conduct of the members of the Council, **and**
- (d) generally as to the conduct of the business and affairs of the Council.

6. (1) The Council may employ any officers, employees or agents as it deems necessary.

(2) The Council may from time to time engage the services of persons having special technical or other knowledge to inquire and report back on matters so commissioned.

(3) A person who is employed or whose services are engaged under this section may be paid such remuneration and expenses as the Council may prescribe.

7. (1) There shall be an Implementation Co-ordinating Committee for the purpose of implementing and co-ordinating programs and decisions of the Council and of departments of Government related to the status of women. The Minister shall notify each department of Government that he deems advisable to be represented on such Committee and the Minister of each department so notified shall appoint a representative to such Committee.

(2) The Implementation Co-ordinating Committee shall be constituted according to rules that the Minister shall prescribe to ensure its effectiveness.

8. The Council may accept grants, gifts and bequests from any source and any monies so acquired shall be placed in a separate account and held in trust by the Council for use in projects of the Council.

9. At the beginning of each year the Council shall make a report of its work during the preceding year to the Minister who shall table such reports in the Legislative Assembly at the earliest available opportunity.

10. The Provincial Auditor, or his nominee, shall from time to time, and at least once a year, audit the receipts and expenditures of the Council.

11. The Council shall exist for five years from the commencement of this Act and such period may be extended by order of the Minister.

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