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### THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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First Reading
Second Reading
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(Assented to

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

- 1 The Financial Administration Act is amended by this Act.
- 2 Section 30 is amended
  - (a) by adding after subsection (1)
    - (1.1) The certification by a Minister referred to in subsection (1)(a) shall be in writing, signed by the Minister in person and shall contain an explanation of the urgency of the matter and the reason for the circumstances referred to in subsection (1)(b) and shall be attached to and made a part of the Order in Council authorizing the special warrant.
    - (1.2) Every special warrant passed pursuant to this section shall be deemed to have been referred to the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Assembly. and,
  - (b) by adding after subsection (5)
    - (6) The total amount of all special warrants ordered in a fiscal year shall not exceed 4% of the total amount of supply granted to Her Majesty for that fiscal year.

#### **Explanatory Notes**

- 1 This Bill will amend chapter F-9 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.
- 2 Section 30 presently reads
  - 30(1) When at any time the Legislative Assembly is not in session the Provincial Treasurer
    - .(a) reports that the Minister having charge of any matter has certified that, in the public interest, an expenditure of public money is urgently required with respect to that matter, and
    - (b) reports either that
      - (i) there is no supply vote under which an expenditure with respect to that matter may be made, or
      - (ii) there is a supply vote under which an expenditure with respect to that matter may be made but the authority available under the supply vote is insufficient,

the Lieutenant Governor in Council may order a special warrant to be prepared to be signed by himself authorizing the expenditure of the amount of money estimated to be required.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), if the Legislative Assembly is adjourned for a period of more than 14 days, the Assembly shall be deemed not to be in session during the period of adjournment.
- (3) When a special warrant is prepared and signed under subsection (1) on the basis of a report referred to in subsection (1)(b)(ii), the authority to spend the amount of money specified in the special warrant for the purpose specified in the special warrant is deemed to be a supply vote for the purposes of this Act.

- (4) When a special warrant has been prepared and signed under subsection (1) on the basis of a report referred to in subsection (1)(b)(ii), the authority to spend the amount of money specified in the special warrant is, for the purposes of this Act, added to and deemed to be part of the supply vote to which the report relates.
- (5) When a special warrant has been prepared and signed pursuant to this section, the amounts authorized by it are deemed to be included in, and not to be in addition to, the amounts authorized by the Act, not being an Act for interim supply, enacted next after the signing of the warrant for granting to Her Majesty sums of money to defray certain expenditures of the Public Service of Alberta.

In accordance with section 4(1) of the Interpretation Act, this Bill comes into force on the date it receives Royal Assent.