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

Definitions

**1** In this Act,

- (a) "Minister" means the member of the Executive Council charged by the Lieutenant Governor in Council with the administration of this Act;
- (b) "Secretariat" means the Women's Secretariat established under this Act.

Secretariat established

**2(1)** The Women's Secretariat is hereby established.

(2) The purpose of the Secretariat is to promote the full and equal participation of Alberta women in the life of the Province by

- (a) identifying, analyzing and making recommendations about government policy, programs and legislation that affect women,
- (b) promoting public and government awareness of issues of concern to women,
- (c) maintaining co-ordination and liaison with government departments to ensure that women's concerns are reflected in policy and program development, and
- (d) conducting research and collecting data on women's issues.

(3) The Minister may establish and operate any program or service he considers necessary or desirable in order that the Secretariat may carry out its purposes.

Staff for Secretariat	<b>3</b> In accordance with the <i>Public Service Act</i> , there may be appointed an Executive Director of the Secretariat and any other employees required to conduct the business of the Secretariat.
Delegation	<b>4</b> The Minister may in writing delegate any power or duty conferred or imposed on him by this Act or the regulations to an employee in the Secretariat or to an agent, or an officer or employee of an agent, of the Government.
Agreements	<b>5(1)</b> The Minister may enter into agreements on or in connection with any program, service or other matter established pursuant to this Act.  <b>(2)</b> Without limiting subsection (1), agreements may be made under that subsection with the Government of Canada or the government of a province or any agency of the Government of Canada or of a provincial government.
Advisors	<b>6</b> The Minister may appoint any person he considers necessary or advisable to act in an advisory or administrative capacity in connection with any program, service or other matter established pursuant to this Act and a person so appointed shall be paid the remuneration and expenses that the Minister prescribes.
Boards, committees and councils	<b>7(1)</b> The Minister may establish any board, committee or council he considers necessary or desirable to act in an advisory or administrative capacity in connection with any program, service or other matter established pursuant to this Act.  <b>(2)</b> The Minister may, with respect to any board, committee or council established under this section,  <b>(a)</b> appoint or provide for the manner of appointment of its members,  <b>(b)</b> prescribe the term of office of any member,  <b>(c)</b> designate or provide for the designation of a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary,  <b>(d)</b> authorize, fix and provide for the payment of remuneration and expenses to its members, and  <b>(e)</b> make rules governing the calling of its meetings, the conduct of business at its meetings, reporting and any other matters as required.  <b>(3)</b> A board, committee or council established pursuant to this section may make rules governing any matter referred to in subsection <b>(2)(e)</b> to the extent that the Minister has not made rules under that clause governing the matter.  <b>(4)</b> A board, committee or council established pursuant to this section or any of its members acting on its behalf may exercise the powers and perform the duties and functions that the Minister confers or imposes on it.
Citizens' advisory body	<b>8(1)</b> On the recommendation of the Minister, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may by order establish a board, committee or coun-

cil as a citizens' advisory body on the status of women in Alberta consisting of not more than 11 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) The Executive Director of the Secretariat is, ex officio, a member of the citizens' advisory body but may not vote at meetings of the citizens' advisory body.

(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint one of the members as chairman and one of the members as vice-chairman.

(4) In accordance with the *Public Service Act*, there may be appointed the employees required to conduct the business of the citizens' advisory body.

(5) The purposes of the citizens' advisory body are

(a) to advise and report to the Government, through the Minister, on any matter relating to the status of women in Alberta referred to it by the Minister for consideration, or any other matter relating to the status of women in Alberta that the citizens' advisory body considers appropriate, and

(b) to increase the awareness of the public relating to women's issues, needs and concerns.

(6) The citizens' advisory body ceases to exist 10 years after it is established unless it is earlier disestablished by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Grants

**9(1)** The Minister may make grants if

(a) he is authorized to do so by regulations made under subsection (2), and

(b) there is authority available in a supply vote for the purpose for which the grant is to be made.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

(a) authorizing the Minister to make grants;

(b) respecting the purposes for which grants may be made;

(c) governing applications for grants;

(d) respecting the persons or organizations or classes of persons or organizations eligible for grants;

(e) respecting the conditions required to be met by any applicant for a grant to render that person eligible for the grant;

(f) empowering the Minister in particular circumstances to waive eligibility criteria prescribed under clause (d) or (e);

(g) respecting the conditions on which a grant is made and requiring the repayment of the grant to the Government if the conditions are not met;

(h) providing for the payment of a grant in a lump sum or by instalments and prescribing the time or times at which the lump sum or the instalments may be paid;

- (i) authorizing the Minister to make deductions from a grant;
  - (j) limiting the amount of a grant or class of grant;
  - (k) authorizing the Minister to delegate in writing to any employee of the Government any power conferred or duty imposed on him by this section or the regulations;
  - (l) requiring a person or organization receiving a grant to account for the way in which the grant is spent in whole or in part;
  - (m) authorizing the Minister to enter into an agreement with respect to any matter relating to the payment of a grant.
- (3) Regulations made under subsection (2) may be specific or general in their application.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (2)(g), the Minister may impose further conditions not prescribed in the regulations on the making of a particular grant.

Repeal

**10** *The Women's Bureau Act is repealed.*

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