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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, "Council" means the Council established under section 2.
- Council            **2** There is hereby established the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities consisting of the persons appointed under section 4.
- Activities and powers      **3(1)** The Council may
- (a) advise, report to and make recommendations to the Government on matters relating to the opportunity for full and equal participation of persons with disabilities in the life of the Province;
  - (b) encourage public discussion through public consultation on all matters relating to the status of persons with disabilities;
  - (c) prepare communication packages containing information respecting disabilities and persons with disabilities;
  - (d) identify and review current and emerging issues and policies at all levels of government affecting and concerning the status of persons with disabilities;
  - (e) review the provision of funding, services and programs to persons with disabilities;

(f) make referrals and recommendations to and consult and collaborate with all levels of government, government agencies, volunteer associations, businesses, universities and other persons on matters affecting and concerning the status of persons with disabilities.

(2) The Council shall carry out any activity including or in addition to those referred to in subsection (1) that the Premier considers appropriate.

(3) The Council in carrying out its activities under subsection (1) or (2) may

(a) receive and hear petitions and suggestions respecting the status of persons with disabilities from individuals and groups,

(b) undertake research on matters relevant to the status of persons with disabilities,

(c) appoint subcommittees consisting of members and other persons who are not members of the Council, and

(d) publish from time to time such reports, studies and recommendations as the Council considers necessary.

Members  
of Council

**4**(1) The Council shall consist of not more than 15 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) Not more than 2 of the members of the Council may be members of the Legislative Assembly.

(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint one of the members to chair the Council.

(4) A person appointed to the Council holds office for a term of not more than 3 years as prescribed in the appointment.

(5) The members of the Council may be paid

(a) remuneration at a reasonable rate prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and

(b) their reasonable travelling, living and other expenses incurred in the course of their duties as members in accordance with an order respecting expenses made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(6) A member of the Council continues to hold office after the expiry of the member's term of office until

(a) reappointed,

(b) a successor is appointed, or

(c) a period of 3 months has expired,

whichever occurs first.

(7) A member of the Council is eligible for reappointment.

Staff

**5** In accordance with the *Public Service Act*, there may be appointed the employees required to conduct the business of the Council.

By-laws and meetings	<p><b>6(1)</b> The Council, with the approval of the Premier, may make by-laws for the conduct of the business and affairs of the Council.</p> <p>(2) The Council shall meet at least 4 times in each fiscal year.</p> <p>(3) A majority of the members appointed constitutes a quorum at a meeting of the Council.</p>
Annual report	<p><b>7(1)</b> Before September 30 in each year, the Council shall submit to the Premier an annual report consisting of a general summary of its activities during the previous fiscal year.</p> <p>(2) On receiving a report under subsection (1), the Premier shall lay a copy of it before the Legislative Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.</p>
Expiry	<p><b>8</b> <i>This Act expires on July 1, 1998 unless it is continued for a further period by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.</i></p>