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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER ACT

MR. DECORE

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

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Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 1992)

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

1 The Legislative Assembly Act is amended by this Act.

2 Section 16 is repealed and the following is substituted:

16(1) The Assembly on first convening on the day fixed by Proclamation for a new session shall, as soon as possible, elect one of its Members as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

(2) All Members except party leaders, Members of Executive Council and Members who have indicated in writing to the Clerk prior to the election that they do not wish to be considered by the House, may be elected as the Speaker.

(3) Each Member shall have one vote in the election of a Speaker which shall be by secret ballot, and in accordance with the procedure determined by the House.

(4) The Clerk shall, immediately after the voting, conduct a count of all ballots cast by the Members in the Assembly, and the Member receiving a clear majority ballot shall be declared the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

(5) In the event of a tie vote, the Members shall repeat the

Explanatory Notes

- 1 This Bill will allow for the annual election of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.**
- 2 This amendment will require the Minister to attempt to initiate a constitutional amendment which would allow the Speaker to be a person other than an MLA.**

voting, restricting each vote to indicate the name of one Member tied for the office of Speaker in the previous ballot.

(6) If a vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker, the Legislative Assembly shall, as soon as possible, elect another of its Members as Speaker.

(7) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Speaker shall preside at all sittings of the Legislative Assembly.

(8) The person who is Speaker at the time of prorogation or dissolution of the Legislature continues to hold office as the Speaker until the expiration of the day preceding the day fixed by Proclamation for the next sitting of the Legislature to begin.

3 *The following is added after section 16:*

16.1 The Government shall attempt to initiate such amendment to the Constitution of Canada as may be necessary to allow for legislation which provides for a person who is not a Member of the Legislative Assembly to be elected Speaker.

4 *Section 17 is amended by adding the following to the end of subsection (1):*

" , in the same manner as the Speaker is elected, as soon as may be conveniently possible following the election of the Speaker."