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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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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(1) In this Act,

(a) "Board" means the Legislative Assembly Salaries Allowances and Expenses Board appointed pursuant to section 2;

(b) "Members' Services Committee" means the Special Select Standing Committee of the Assembly on Member's Services;

2(1) From time to time as required by this Act, a Legislative Assembly Salaries Allowances and Expenses Board shall be established consisting of:

(a) a chairman appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly who is

(i) a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench, the Court of Appeal or the Provincial Court, or

(ii) a retired judge of any of those courts or of the former district courts or Supreme Court of Alberta,

(b) The following persons, who are not members of the

Legislative Assembly or employees of Government, appointed by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in consultation with the President of the Executive Council, the Leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition and the leaders of the other opposition parties represented in the Legislative Assembly groups:

(i) a person representing the Alberta Federation of Labour;

(ii) a person representing the Alberta Chamber of Commerce;

(iii) a person representing the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association;

(iv) a person representing the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties;

(v) a former Member of the Legislative Assembly who has not been a Member of the Legislative Assembly for at least five years;

(2) The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly shall sit as a non-voting member of the Board.

3(1) The Board shall review and, within two months of the coming into force of this Act, report to the Speaker establishing:

(a) the salaries paid to Members of the Legislative Assembly, members of Executive Council, and the leaders of opposition parties;

(b) any allowance available to Members of the Legislative Assembly;

(c) expenses paid and services paid for on behalf of Members of the Legislative Assembly;

(d) the amounts paid for those things listed in (a) to (c);

(e) the manner of claiming allowances and expenses referred to in subsections (b) and (c);

(f) such other related matters as the Board sees fit.

(2) A new Board shall be appointed during the first session of each Legislature.

(3) Each Board shall meet within one month of the commencement of each Legislature and shall report to the Speaker within 60 days of such meeting.

(4) On receipt of the report, the Speaker shall lay a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly, make the report public and publish the Board's proposals in the Alberta Gazette as soon as possible.

(5) If the Legislative Assembly is not sitting at the time when a report is made under this section, the Speaker shall lay the copy of the report within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

4 The Legislative Assembly shall, as soon as practicable after a report of the Board has been laid in the Assembly, take any steps within the competence of the Legislative Assembly that it considers necessary or advisable to implement the recommendations of the Board.

5(1) Provided funds are allocated by the Legislative Assembly for the purpose, members of the Board, with the exception of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, may be paid the remuneration prescribed by order of the Members Services Committee for their services on the Board.

(2) Provided funds are allocated by the Legislative Assembly for the purpose, members of the Board shall be paid their reasonable travelling and living expenses while away from their ordinary place of residence in the course of their duties as members.

6(1) During the course of their review, the Board may hold such public hearings as it thinks necessary, where and when it sees fit and may consult with such other persons as it sees fit.

(2) The Board shall give reasonable public notice of the time, place and purpose of any public hearings held by it.

7 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.