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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY REMUNERATION REVIEW COMMISSION ACT

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY REMUNERATION REVIEW COMMISSION ACT

(Assented to

, 1994)

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

- 1 In this Act,
 - (a) "Commission" means the Members of the Legislative Assembly Remuneration Review Commission appointed pursuant to section 2;
 - (b) "Members' Services Committee" means the Special Select Standing Committee of the Assembly on Member's Services;
- 2(1) There is hereby established a Members of the Legislative Assembly Remuneration Review Commission.
- (2) The Commission shall consist 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 Appeal, the Court of Queen's Bench 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, and
 - (b) five persons appointed by the Speaker of the Legislative

Assembly in consultation with the President of the Executive Council and the Leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition.

- (3) Notwithstanding subsection 2, no person shall be appointed to the Commission who is an employee within the meaning of the Public Service Act and is presently or has within the last five years been a member of the Legislative Assembly.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the composition of the Commission shall reflect
 - (a) the interests of the following groups,

the professions, small business, labour, oil, gas and petrochemical industry, the general public, and

(b) the geographical composition of the province including,

Calgary and Edmonton, rural areas, and the southern, central and northern regions.

- (5) The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly shall sit as a non-voting member of the Commission.
- 3(1) The Commission shall review and prepare a report in which are established:
 - (a) the rates of the indemnity allowance and the expense allowance referred to in section 39(1) of the Legislative Assembly Act,
 - (b) the rate of deductions made from the indemnity allowance and the expense allowance pursuant to section 40 of the Legislative Assembly Act,
 - (c) the amount of the allowance for temporary residence in Edmonton and the maximum number of days referred to in section 41 of the Legislative Assembly Act,
 - (d) the amount of the allowances and the rate of the expenses for committee work referred to in section 42 of the Legislative

Assembly Act,

- (e) the amount of the other allowances and the rate of the expenses referred to in section 45 of the Legislative Assembly Act,
- (f) the rates of the salaries referred to in sections 48(2) and 50(1) of the legislative Assembly Act,
- (g) the rate of the allowance referred to in section 51 of the Legislative Assembly Act,
- (h) guidelines for the use of the allowances and expenses referred to in this subsection, and
- (i) the manner of claiming the allowances and expenses referred to in this subsection.
- (2) The first Commission appointed under this Act shall meet within fifteen days of its appointment and shall deliver its report to the Speaker no later than 60 days of its first meeting.
- (3) A new Commission shall be appointed for each new Legislature.
- (4) Each subsequent Commission shall be appointed within 30 days of the commencement of a new Legislature and shall meet within 15 days of being appointed and shall report to the Speaker no later than 60 days of its first meeting.
- 4(1) On receipt of a report from the Commission, the Speaker shall forthwith lay a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly and cause the Commission's report to be published in the Alberta Gazette.
- (2) 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 and shall immediately thereafter cause the Commission's report to be published in the Alberta Gazette.
- 5 The matters to be established by the Commission pursuant to section 3(1) shall become effective for the purposes of the Legislative Assembly Act 30 days after the report of the Commission is laid in the Legislative Assembly.

- 6(1) Provided funds are allocated by the Legislative Assembly for the purpose, members of the Commission, 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 Commission 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 at the rates prescribed by order of the Members Services Committee.
- 7(1) During the course of preparing its report, the Commission 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 Commission shall give reasonable public notice of the time, place and purpose of any public hearings held by it.
- 8 The Legislative Assembly Act is amended
 - (a) in section 1(1) by adding the following after clause (a)
 - (a.1) "Commission" means the Members of the Legislative Assembly Remuneration Review Commission established by the Members of the Legislative Assembly Remuneration Review Commission Act;
 - (b) in the following provisions "prescribed by the Members' Services Committee" is struck out wherever it occurs and "established by the Commission" is substituted:

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section 39(1)(a) and (b);
section 40;
section 41(1) and (3);
section 42(a), (b) and (c);
section 50(1)(a);
section 51.
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(c) in section 45(1) by striking out "Members' Services Committee may by order authorize" and substituting "Commission may establish" and by striking out "Committee" and substituting "Commission":

- (d) by repealing section 45(1.1).
- 9 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.