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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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JUSTICE STATUTES AMENDMENT ACT, 2019

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(Assented to

, 2019)

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

Court of Appeal Act

Amends RSA 2000 cC-30

- 1(1) The Court of Appeal Act is amended by this section.
- (2) The following heading is added before section 17:

Miscellaneous

(3) The following is added after section 18:

Meetings, conferences and seminars

18.1 For the purpose of section 41 of the *Judges Act* (Canada), a judge is authorized to attend, with the approval of the Chief Justice of Alberta, a meeting, conference or seminar that is held for a purpose relating to the administration of justice.

Court of Queen's Bench Act

Amends RSA 2000 cC-31

- 2(1) The Court of Queen's Bench Act is amended by this section.
- (2) The following is added after section 2:

Explanatory Notes

Court of Appeal Act

- **1**(1) Amends chapter C-30 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.
- (2) Miscellaneous.
- (3) Meetings, conferences and seminars.

Court of Queen's Bench Act

- **2**(1) Amends chapter C-31 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.
- (2) Name of Court.

Name of Court

- **2.1** The Court shall, during the reign of the Queen, be styled the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta and shall, during the reign of the King, be styled the Court of King's Bench of Alberta.
- (3) Section 8.21(2)(a) is amended by striking out "60 years" and substituting "55 years".

(4) The following is added after section 24:

Meetings, conferences and seminars

24.1 For the purpose of section 41 of the *Judges Act* (Canada), a judge is authorized to attend, with the approval of the Chief Justice, a meeting, conference or seminar that is held for a purpose relating to the administration of justice.

Provincial Court Act

Amends RSA 2000 cP-31

- 3(1) The Provincial Court Act is amended by this section.
- (2) Section 9.24(2)(a) is amended by striking out "60 years" and substituting "55 years".

- (3) Section 8.21(2) presently reads:
 - (2) Where a master in chambers
 - (a) has attained the age of 60 years and has completed 10 years of service as a master in chambers, and
 - (b) states in writing to the Chief Justice that the master in chambers is prepared to retire as a full-time master in chambers in order to continue in office as a half-time master in chambers,

the Chief Justice may approve that person to continue in office as a half-time master in chambers on that person's retirement as a full-time master in chambers if the Chief Justice determines that approving that person to continue in office will enhance the efficient and effective administration of the Court.

(4) Meetings, conferences and seminars.

Provincial Court Act

- **3**(1) Amends chapter P-31 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.
- (2) Section 9.24(2) presently reads:
 - (2) Where a judge
 - (a) has attained the age of 60 years,

- (b) has completed 10 years of service as a judge, and
- (c) states in writing to the Chief Judge that the judge is prepared to retire as a full-time judge in order to continue in office as a part-time judge,

the Chief Judge may approve that person to continue in office as a part-time judge on that person's retirement as a full-time judge if the Chief Judge determines that approving that person to continue in office will enhance the efficient and effective administration of the Court.

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