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An Act to make various amendments to legislation administered by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for The Arts, and for other purposes

[Assented to 17 November 2000]

The Parliament of Queensland enacts—

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Justice and Other Legislation* (*Miscellaneous Provisions*) Act 2000.

Acts amended

2. The schedule amends the Acts mentioned in it.

Repeal

3. The Australia Acts (Request) Act 1999 is repealed.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF ACTS

section 2

ACTS INTERPRETATION ACT 1954

Amendment

1. After section 13A—

insert—

- 'Acts not to affect powers, rights or immunities of Legislative Assembly except by express provision
- **'13B.(1)** An Act enacted after the commencement of this section affects the powers, rights or immunities of the Legislative Assembly or of its members or committees only so far as the Act expressly provides.
- '(2) For subsection (1), an Act affects the powers, rights or immunities mentioned in the subsection if it abolishes any of the powers, rights or immunities or is otherwise wholly or partly inconsistent with their continued existence, enjoyment or exercise.
 - '(3) In this section—
- "rights" includes privileges.'.
- 2. Section 36, definitions "magistrate" and "stipendiary magistrate" omit.

3. Section 36—

insert-

" "AS" means Australian Standard made or published by Standards Australia.

- "Australian Standard" means a standard made or published by Standards Australia.
- "magistrate" means a magistrate appointed under the *Magistrates Act* 1991.
- "see", followed by a reference to, or to a provision of, any Act, law or document, when used to define a word, entity, thing or matter, means the word, entity, thing or matter has the same meaning as it has in the provision, Act, law or document.
- **"Standards Association of Australia"**, for anything done or to be done on or after 1 July 1999, includes a reference to Standards Australia International Limited ACN 087 326 690.
- **"Standards Australia"** means Standards Australia International Limited ACN 087 326 690, and includes a reference to the Standards Association of Australia as constituted before 1 July 1999.

4. Section 36, definition, "definition", examples of definitions—

insert—

'4. "X" see section 3.

5. "X" see XYZ Act, schedule 3.'.

5. Section 38(2) and (3)—

omit, insert—

- '(2) If the time, or last day of a period, calculated forwards that is provided or allowed by an Act for doing anything falls on an excluded day, the time, or last day, is taken to fall on the next day later that is not an excluded day.
- '(3) If the time, or earliest day of a period, calculated backwards that is provided or allowed by an Act for doing anything falls on an excluded day, the time, or earliest day, is taken to fall on the next day earlier that is not an excluded day.'.

6. Section 38—

insert—

'(5) In this section—

"excluded day"—

- for filing or registering a document—means a day on which the office is closed where the filing or registration must or may be done; or
- (b) otherwise—means a day that is not a business day in the place in which the thing must or may be done.'.

AUSTRALIAN CONSULAR OFFICERS' NOTARIAL POWERS AND EVIDENCE ACT 1946

Amendment

1. Title, after 'officers'—

insert—

'and authorised employees'.

2. Section 2—

insert—

- "authorised employee" means an employee of—
 - (a) the Commonwealth authorised under section 3(c) of the Consular Fees Act 1955 (Cwlth); or
 - (b) the Australian Trade Commission authorised under section 3(d) of the Consular Fees Act 1955 (Cwlth).'.

3.	Section 3, after 'consular officer'—
	insert—
	'or authorised employee'.
4.	Section 4(1), after 'consular officer'—
4.	Section 4(1), after 'consular officer'— insert—
4.	

CHILDRENS COURT ACT 1992

Amendment

1. Section 14(3), 'Stipendiary Magistrates Act 1991' omit, insert— 'Magistrates Act 1991'.

CRIMINAL CODE

Amendment

1. Section 432—

omit.

CRIMINAL LAW (REHABILITATION OF **OFFENDERS) ACT 1986**

1. Section 9A(1), table—

insert—

- **'15.** Person employed in the Office Director Public the of Prosecutions
 - **15.** Contraventions of any law, whether committed in Queensland or elsewhere '

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS ACT 1984

1. After section 24A—

insert—

'Criminal history checks

- **24B.(1)** The director may ask the commissioner of the police service to give the director a written report about the criminal history of a person employed in, or applying for employment in, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.
 - '(2) The commissioner must comply with the request.
- '(3) Subsection (1) applies to the criminal history in the commissioner's possession or to which the commissioner has access.
 - '(4) In this section—
- "criminal history", of a person, means the person's criminal history within the meaning of the Criminal Law (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Act 1986'

DRUG REHABILITATION (COURT DIVERSION) **ACT 2000**

1 Section 7(1)(b)

1. Seem	
insert-	_
' •	section 413.1'.

2. Section 37—

insert—

'(1A) To remove any doubt, it is declared that subsection (1) does not prevent a prosecution if there is evidence, other than the admission or evidence obtained as a result of the admission, implicating the accused.'.

3. Section 37(3)(b), after 'section 552B'—

insert—

'or the *Drugs Misuse Act 1986*, section 132'.

4. Schedule, definition "offender", 'section 20'—

omit, insert—

'section 17'.

Criminal Code, section 413 (Assault with intent to steal)

² Drugs Misuse Act 1986, section 13 (Certain offences may be dealt with summarily)

EVIDENCE ACT 1977

Amendment

1. Section 15(2)(c), proviso—

omit.

2. Section 15—

insert—

- '(3) A question of a kind mentioned in subsection (2)(a), (b) or (c) may be asked only with the court's permission.
- '(4) If the proceeding is a trial by jury, an application for the court's permission under subsection (3) must be made in the absence of the jury.'.

3. After section 46A—

insert—

'Court or tribunal may inform itself about Act or statutory instrument

'46B.(1) A court or tribunal may inform itself about an Act or statutory instrument in any way it considers appropriate.

Examples of ways that may be appropriate—

- 1. Using an electronic version of an Act as available on the internet or on a CD-ROM other than an authorised reprint under the *Reprints Act 1992*.
- 2. Using a printed copy of an Act in a publication other than an authorised reprint under the *Reprints Act 1992*.
- '(2) However, the court or tribunal must consider whether the document or source it intends to consult appears to be a reliable source of information.
- '(3) Subsection (1) does not limit any law providing for a way in which a court or tribunal may be informed about an Act or statutory instrument, including any other provision of this Act or the *Reprints Act 1992*.'.

insert–	n 49, after 'Australia,'—
5. Section	n 92(2)(d), from 'statement', second mention—
omit, in	nsert—
'statem or'.	nent the maker made or in the information the supplier supplied;
Amendm	
1. Section	n 37A(1)—
insert–	
"author	rised employee" means an employee of—
(a)	the Commonwealth authorised under section $3(c)$ of the <i>Consular Fees Act</i> 1955 (Cwlth); or
(b)	the Australian Trade Commission authorised under section 3(d) of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i> (Cwlth).'.
2. Section	n 37A(2), (2A), (3), (3A) and (4), after 'consular officer'—
insert–	_
or autl	horised employee'.

3. Section 38, after 'consular officer'—
insert—
'or an authorised employee'.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1992

Amendment

1. Section 11(1)(g), 'Stipendiary Magistrates Act 1991' omit, insert— 'Magistrates Act 1991'.

JUDGES (PENSIONS AND LONG LEAVE) ACT 1957

Amendment

1. Section 15(5)—

omit, insert—

'(5) A judge who is entitled to additional leave of absence under subsection (1) may, with the Governor in Council's approval, and subject to the administrative requirements of the court, take the additional leave in periods of less than 6 months.'.

JUDGES (SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES) ACT 1967

Amendment
1. Section 5(3)—
insert—
'(g) a member of the industrial commission.'.
2. Section 12(1)(c), from 'the Chief'—
omit, insert—
'a member of the industrial commission; and'.
3. Section 12(8), definition "relevant Minister", paragraph (b), 'industrial commissioners'—
omit, insert—
'a member of the industrial commission'.
4. Section 13(2)(b), 'an industrial commissioner'—
omit, insert—
'a member of the industrial commission'.
5. Section 13(2)(b)(ii), 'the industrial commissioner'—
omit, insert—
'the member'

JUDICIAL REVIEW ACT 1991

Amendment

1. Schedule 1, part 2, item 5, 'Stipendiary Magistrates Act 1991—		
c	omit, insert—	
4	Magistrates Act 1991'.	

JUSTICES ACT 1886

Amendment

1. Section 98Q(1), 'certified mail' omit, insert— 'ordinary post'.

2. Section 142A(2), from 'and the provisions'—

omit, insert—

'other than so far as this section is inconsistent with the other provisions of this Act.'

3. Section 142A(15)—

omit.

4. After section 222(2)(a)—

insert—

'(aa) after entering into the recognisance, the appellant must

immediately forward the recognisance to the clerk of the court at the place where the decision was given;'.

5. Section 222(2)(b), after 'justices' omit, insert— 'and the recognisance'.

LAW REFORM ACT 1995

Amendment

1. Section 18A(1) and (2), after 'employee' insert—

'or other employee of the State'.

MAGISTRATES COURTS ACT 1921

Amendment

1. Section 17—

insert—

- '(3) A bailiff may appoint an appropriate person in writing to assist the bailiff.
- '(4) The bailiff is responsible for the civil acts and defaults of the assistant in the discharge or purported discharge of the assistant's duties as assistant.'.

MAINTENANCE ACT 1965

Amendment

or (4)'.

1.	Section 98(6), from 'At' to 'year'—
	omit, insert—
	'Within 1 month after a proclamation is made under subsection (1), (2)

OATHS ACT 1867

Amendment

- 1. Section 17(1), from 'upon' to 'objection' omit.
- 2. Section 17(1), from 'that' to 'declare', second mention omit.
- 3. Section 17(3) omit.
- 4. Schedule, from 'truth, and I make'—

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omit, insert—
'truth.'.
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PENALTIES AND SENTENCES ACT 1992

Amendment

1.	Section 69(2), '10'—
	omit, insert—
	'5' .

PROPERTY LAW ACT 1974

Amendment

1. Part 6, division 3, after section 70—

insert—

'Computers inoperative on day for completion

'70A.(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a contract for the sale of land does not provide otherwise; and
- (b) time is of the essence of the contract; and
- (c) the purchaser under the contract, without default on the purchaser's part, can not, on the date for completion of the contract, verify the vendor's title because computers in the relevant office of the land registry under the Land Title Act 1994 are inoperative for any reason.
- '(2) Time ceases to be of the essence of the contract.
- '(3) The vendor is taken—
 - (a) not to have proved title to the land; and
 - (b) not to be in breach of the contract only because of the failure to prove title at that time.

- '(4) The vendor or purchaser may give a written notice to the other party to the contract to complete the sale.
 - '(5) The notice must state
 - that the computers are again fully operational; and
 - (b) a period of days, of not more than 7 business days, from the day the notice is given for completion of the sale.
- '(6) The notice may be given no earlier than the day after the first continuous day of operation of the computers after computer operation is fully restored.
- '(7) From a party's receipt of the notice, time is again of the essence of the contract.'.

PUBLIC TRUSTEE ACT 1978

Amendment

1. Section 17A(1)(a)—

omit. insert—

'(a) expenses (including liabilities) a trustee may retain or pay out of trust property, or that the public trustee considers are necessary or expedient for the management of the estate; and'.

2. Section 17A(3)(a)—

omit, insert—

'(a) fees and expenses payable, including fees and expenses payable under this section for the administration of the estate; and'.

3. Section 19(1)(c), af	ter 'credited'—
insert—	
'at least'.	

ROYAL QUEENSLAND THEATRE COMPANY ACT 1970

Amendment

1. Section 54, 'financial year' omit, insert— 'year'.

STATE PENALTIES ENFORCEMENT ACT 1999

Amendment

- 1. Section 10(1), 'a director and' omit.
- 2. Section 10(2), 'director,' omit.
- 3. Section 11(1) omit.

4. Section	11(2)	to	(5) —
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renumber as section 11(1) to (4).

5. Section 11(2), as renumbered, '(2)'—

omit, insert—
'(1)'.

6. Section 15(2)(e), from 'and,'—

omit.

7. Section 15(3)(a), 'that'—

omit.

8. Section 23(6), 'written'—

omit.

9. Section 23—

insert—

'(7) Subsection (3) only requires an administering authority to accept payment of an instalment by direct debit if the administering authority is capable of accepting it.'.

10. Section 24(3), after 'particulars'—

insert—

', or the amended particulars given under subsection (6),'.

11. Section 24—

insert—

- '(6) An administering authority may give to SPER for registration amended particulars mentioned in subsection (1).
- '(7) If amended particulars are given and an instalment payment notice for different particulars has already been given to the person, a fresh instalment payment notice must be given to the person.'.

12. Section 30—

insert-

- '(3) The court may decide an application under subsection (1) on written materials in the absence of a party if the court considers it appropriate.'.
- 13. Section 32(2), from 'more' to 'infringement notice', first mention—
 omit.

14. Section 33(1), 'an authorised person'—

omit, insert—

'the administering authority'.

15. Section 33(3), after 'subsection (1)'—

insert—

'by an administering authority that is entitled under an Act to retain the amount of any fine paid to it'.

16. Section 41, 'the infringement notice'—

omit, insert—

'the enforcement order'.

17. Section 41(e), 'the administering authority'—

omit, insert—

'SPER'.

18. Section 42(5), 'written'—

omit.

19. Section 46(a)—

omit, insert—

'(a) a fine imposed by a court, excluding an ancillary order, or an infringement notice fine; and

Examples of ancillary orders—

- 1. Professional fees, witnesses expenses and interpreters' allowances.
- 2. Royalties or another similar amount, including conservation value payable under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.'.

20. Section 56(2)—

omit. insert—

- '(2) The application must be made within the earlier of the following—
 - (a) 14 days after the debtor becomes aware of the existence of the order:
 - (b) 6 months after the issue of the relevant enforcement order.'.

21. Section 58(1), 'If'—

omit, insert—

'If, within 14 days after the date of the notice of the decision under section 57(5) and'.

22. Section 59(5), 'application for the order'—
omit, insert—
'referral notice'.
23. Section 114(1)—
insert—
'(h) the person's date of birth.'.
24. Section 118(1)(a), after 'been'—
insert—
'or may be'.
25. Section 133(1), 'written'—
omit.
26. Section 134(1)(b), 'written'—
omit.
27. Section 134(1)(c)(ii), 'signed'—
omit.
28. Section 140(c)—
omit, insert—
'(c) if the enforcement warrant relates to an infringement notice, the

'(c) if the enforcement warrant relates to an infringement notice, the infringement notice number;'.

29. Section 146(e)—
omit.
30. Section 146(f) and (g)—
renumber as section 146(e) and (f).
31. Section 147, 'the Central Brisbane division'-
omit, insert—
'a Magistrates Court in the central division'.
32. Section 165—
insert—
'(6) A regulation may be made about fees.'.
33. Section 170, heading, 'local governments'—
omit, insert—
'administering authority'.
34. Section 170(1), 'a local government'—
omit, insert—
'an administering authority'.
35. Section 170(2), 'local government'—

omit, insert— 'administering authority'.

insert—
' "motor vehicle" means a vehicle propelled by a motor that forms part of the vehicle, and includes a trailer attached to the vehicle.
"vehicle" includes a boat.'.
37. Schedule 2, definition "fine option order", 'infringement notice'—
omit, insert—

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS ACT 1992

Amendment

1. Schedule 1 insert—

'enforcement order'.

36. Schedule 2—

'section 13B'.

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES ACT 1991

Amendment

1. Title, 'Stipendiary' omit.

2	Refore	section	1
⊿.	DCIUIC	SCCHOIL	1—

insert—

'PART 1—PRELIMINARY'.

3. Section 1, 'Stipendiary' omit.

4. Section 3, definition "reviewable determination" and sections 5(2), (4), (5) and (6), 9, 10, 10D(2), 10G(2), 10H, 12(a) and (b), 13(1) and 18A(2) to (4), 'Stipendiary'—

omit.

5. After section 3—

insert—

'PART 2—APPOINTMENT, JURISDICTION AND POWERS'.

6. Sections 5(7), 11 and 12, 'Senior Stipendiary'—

omit, insert—

'Deputy Chief'.

7. After section 8—

insert—

'PART 3—CHIEF MAGISTRATE'.

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insert—

'PART 4—REVIEWABLE DETERMINATIONS'.

9. After section 10I—

insert—

'PART 5—DEPUTY CHIEF MAGISTRATE'.

10. After section 12—

insert—

'PART 6—FUNCTIONS AND TENURE OF OFFICE'.

11. After section 17—

insert—

'PART 7—GENERAL'.

12. Section 21(a) to (d)—

omit, insert—

- '(a) Chief Magistrate; or
- (b) Deputy Chief Magistrate; or
- (c) Magistrate; or
- (d) Acting Magistrate;'.

13. After section 22—

insert—

'PART 8—TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

'Division 1—Transitional provision for Act No. 75 of 1995'.

14. After section 23—

insert—

'Division 2—Transitional provision for Act No. 68 of 1999'.

15. After section 24—

insert—

'Division 3—Transitional provisions for Justice and Other Legislation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2000

'References to stipendiary magistrate

'25. In an Act—

- (a) a reference to the Chief Stipendiary Magistrate is taken to be a reference to the Chief Magistrate; and
- (b) a reference to a Senior Stipendiary Magistrate is taken to be a reference to a Deputy Chief Magistrate; and
- (c) a reference a Stipendiary Magistrate is taken to be a reference to a magistrate.

'Change of name of office not to affect office holders

'26. To remove any doubt, it is declared that the change in the name of the office of Chief Stipendiary Magistrate, Senior Stipendiary Magistrate or Stipendiary Magistrate to Chief Magistrate, Deputy Chief Magistrate or magistrate does not affect the appointment to, or the continuation in, the office of a person holding the office immediately before the commencement of this section.

Existing appointments

'27. A person who, immediately before the commencement of this section, holds an appointment as a magistrate under section 5, including a stipendiary magistrate mentioned in section 23, is taken from the commencement to be appointed as a magistrate under section 5.'.

SUPREME COURT ACT 1995

Amendment

1. Title, after 'Court'—

insert—

', and for other purposes'.

2. Section 2, heading—

omit. insert—

'Act is, in part, a consolidation'.

3. Section 2(1), 'This Act is'—

omit, insert—

'This Act, as in force at the commencement of this section, is, in part,'.

4. Section 68, after 'section 37A,'—

insert—

'or before an authorised employee'.

5. Sectio	on 68—
insert-	_
'(2) In	this section—
"author	ised employee" means an employee of—
(a)	the Commonwealth authorised under section 3(c) of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i> (Cwlth); or
(b)	the Australian Trade Commission authorised under section 3(d) of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i> (Cwlth).'.
6. Sectio	on 125, after 'section 37A,'—
insert-	_
or aut	thorised employee'.
7. Sectio	on 125, after 'section 37A', second mention—
insert-	_
or be	fore an authorised employee'.
8. Sectio	on 125—
insert-	_
'(2) In	this section—
"author	ised employee" means an employee of—
(a)	the Commonwealth authorised under section 3(c) of the <i>Consular</i>

the Australian Trade Commission authorised under section 3(d) of the Consular Fees Act 1955 (Cwlth).'.

Fees Act 1955 (Cwlth); or

SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND ACT 1991

Amendment

1. Section 14—

insert—

- '(2A) The Governor in Council may, by commission, appoint either of the following persons to act as a judge for up to 1 year
 - a person who is, or has been, a judge of the Supreme Court of another State or Territory;
 - (b) a person who is, or has been, a judge of the Federal Court of Australia'

TRUST ACCOUNTS ACT 1973

Amendment

1. Section 15(1)(d)(ii) and (iii)—

omit. insert—

- '(ii) a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia: or
- (iii) a person who holds a public practising certificate issued by the National Institute of Accountants and has completed a tertiary course of study in accounting with an auditing component from institute prescribed under the Corporations Law. section 1280(2); or
- (iv) a person approved by the chief executive who has completed a tertiary course of study in accounting with an auditing component from an institute prescribed under the Corporations Law, section 1280(2); or'.

TRUSTEE COMPANIES ACT 1968

Amendment

- 1. Schedule 2, part 2, ANZ EXECUTORS AND TRUSTEE COMPANY LIMITED, paragraphs (c) to (cb) omit.
- 2. Schedule 2, part 2, ANZ EXECUTORS AND TRUSTEE COMPANY LIMITED, paragraphs (d) to (f) renumber as paragraphs (c) to (e).
- 3. Schedule 2, part 2, PERPETUAL TRUSTEES AUSTRALIA LIMITED, paragraphs (c) and (ca) omit.
- 4. Schedule 2, part 2, PERPETUAL TRUSTEES AUSTRALIA LIMITED, paragraphs (d) and (e) renumber as paragraphs (c) and (d).
- 5. Schedule 2, part 2, PERPETUAL TRUSTEES QUEENSLAND LIMITED, paragraphs (c) and (ca)—

omit.

6. Schedule 2, part 2, PERPETUAL TRUSTEES QUEENSLAND LIMITED, paragraph (e)—

renumber as paragraph (c).

7. Schedule 2, part 2, TRUST COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED, paragraphs (c) and (ca)—

omit.

8. Schedule 2, part 2, TRUST COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED, paragraphs (d) to (f)—

renumber as paragraphs (c) to (e).

TRUSTS ACT 1973

Amendment

1. Section 5, definition "public accountant"—

omit, insert—

- "public accountant" means—
 - (a) a person registered, or taken to be registered, as an auditor under the Corporations Law; or
 - (b) a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia; or
 - (c) a person who holds a public practising certificate issued by the National Institute of Accountants and has completed a tertiary course of study in accounting with an auditing component from an institute prescribed under the Corporations Law, section 1280(2); or
 - (d) a person approved by the chief executive who has completed a tertiary course of study in accounting with an auditing component from an institute prescribed under the Corporations Law, section 1280(2).'.

2. Section 67(1)(a) to (d)—

omit, insert—

- '(a) if the deceased's last known address is more than 150 km from Brisbane—a local newspaper circulated and sold at least once each week in the area of the deceased's last known address; or
- (b) otherwise—a newspaper circulating throughout the State or a newspaper approved for the area of the deceased's last known address by the Chief Justice under a practice direction;'.

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