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2003

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*

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The Parliament of Queensland enacts—

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Clause 1 Short title

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This Act may be cited as the *Parliament of Queensland (Change of Political Status) Act 2003*.

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Clause 2 Act amended

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This Act amends the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*.

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Clause 3 Amendment of s 72 (Vacating seats of members in particular circumstances)

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(1) Section 72(1)(n)—

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renumber as section 72(1)(o).

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(2) Section 72(1)—

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insert—

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‘(n) section 72A applies;’.

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Clause 4 Insertion of new s 72A

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After section 72—

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insert—

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‘72A Vacating seats of members if change of political status

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‘(1) A member’s seat in the Assembly also becomes vacant if—

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(a) for a member who was elected as the candidate of a political party—the member resigns as a member of the party or becomes a member of another political party; or

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(b) for a member who was elected as an independent member—the member becomes a member of a political party.

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‘(2) For subsection (1)(a)—

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- (a) a member is taken to have been elected as the candidate of a political party if, when the member was last elected—
- (i) the party’s name or abbreviation was printed on the ballot paper adjacent to the candidate’s name; or
- (ii) the member was publicly recognised by the party as being an endorsed candidate of the party and publicly represented himself or herself to be an endorsed candidate of the party; and
- (b) a member elected as the candidate of a political party is not taken to have become a member of another political party only because of a change in the name of the political party.
- ‘(3) For subsection (1)(b), a member is taken to have been elected as an independent member if, when the member was last elected, the member publicly represented himself or herself to be independent.
- ‘(4) In this section—
- “**member**”, of a political party, see the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 3.
- “**political party**” see the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 3.’.