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An Act to provide superannuation benefits for members of the Legislative Assembly, and for related purposes

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Section 1

## Chapter 1 Preliminary

#### 1 Name of Act

This Act is the Legislative Assembly (Members' Superannuation) Act 1991.

#### 2 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this Act is part of this Act.

- *Note 1* The dictionary at the end of this Act defines certain terms used in this Act.
- *Note 2* A definition in the dictionary applies to the entire Act unless the definition, or another provision of the Act, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see Legislation Act, s 155 and s 156 (1)).

#### 3 Notes

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A note included in this Act is explanatory and is not part of this Act.

*Note* See the Legislation Act, s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

#### 3A Meaning of *discontinuance*

- (1) For this Act, a *discontinuance*, in relation to a member, happens when the member's term of office ends by—
  - (a) death; or
  - (b) resignation; or
  - (c) retirement on the ground of invalidity; or
  - (d) disqualification or expulsion; or
  - (e) dissolution of the Legislative Assembly; or

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- (f) the ending of the member's term of office under the Self-Government Act, section 10 (Term of office of member).
- (2) However, a *discontinuance* is taken not to have happened for this chapter if the member is re-elected to the Legislative Assembly at—
  - (a) if subsection (1) (e) applies—the 1st general election after the dissolution of the Assembly; or
  - (b) if subsection (1) (f) applies—the general election for which the polling day marks the end of the member's term of office.

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## Chapter 2 Defined benefits scheme

## Part 2.1 Preliminary

#### 3B Application—ch 2

This chapter applies in relation to a member elected before the 2008 general election, in relation to a relevant period of service by the member, until the earlier of the following events:

- (a) the member's discontinuance;
- (b) if the member makes an election under section 18A (Members may transfer to choice of funds scheme)—the amount of the member's benefit under this chapter is paid under the section.

*Note* **Elected**—see the dictionary.

#### 3C Definitions—ch 2

In this chapter:

*board* means the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation Board established under section 4.

*invalidity*, in relation to a person, means a permanent disability to which at least 2 doctors certify, and that the board decides, is likely to result in an inability ever to work in an occupation for which the person is reasonably qualified by education, training or experience.

*relevant period of service* means the period during which a person served as a member in consecutive terms, but does not include a period of service in relation to which the person has received a superannuation benefit under this chapter.

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## Part 2.2 Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation Board

### Division 2.2.1 Establishment of board

#### 4 Establishment

There shall be an Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation Board.

#### 5 Functions

- (1) The board shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the board shall be responsible for—
  - (a) determining entitlements in accordance with this chapter; and
  - (b) determining applications for retirement on the grounds of invalidity.

#### 6 Powers

The board has power to do all things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance of its functions.

### Division 2.2.2 Constitution and operation

#### 7 Constitution

- (1) The board is constituted by 4 persons, being—
  - (a) the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly or, in the absence of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker; and
  - (b) a government member elected in accordance with the relevant procedures at a meeting, convened by the Speaker, of government members or an alternate government member

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elected in accordance with the relevant procedures at a meeting, convened by the Speaker, of government members; and

- (c) an opposition member elected in accordance with the relevant procedures at a meeting, convened by the Speaker, of opposition members or an alternate opposition member elected in accordance with the relevant procedures at a meeting, convened by the Speaker, of opposition members; and
- (d) the chief executive of the administrative unit responsible for the *Financial Management Act 1996*.
- (2) In this section:

*government member* means a member of the Executive or a member who belongs to a party, or is associated with a group of members, represented on the Executive.

*opposition member* means a member who is not a government member.

*relevant procedures* means the procedures laid down in the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly for the election of the Speaker.

(3) The performance of the functions or the exercise of the powers of the board is not affected by reason only of a vacancy in the membership of the board.

#### 8 Chair of board

The Speaker or, in the absence of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker is the chair of the board.

#### 9 Secretary of board

The chief executive of the administrative unit responsible for the *Financial Management Act 1996* is the secretary of the board.

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#### 10 Meetings

- (1) The chair shall convene a meeting of the board—
  - (a) whenever the chair considers necessary for the efficient performance of its functions; and
  - (b) upon the written request of any member.
- (2) Where the chair proposes to convene a meeting of the board, he or she shall, not later than 5 days before the date of the proposed meeting, give each member of the board a notice in writing specifying—
  - (a) the date, time and place of the meeting; and
  - (b) the matters to be considered at the meeting.

#### 11 **Procedure at meetings**

- (1) The chair shall preside at all meetings of the board at which he or she is present.
- (2) Where the chair is absent from a meeting a member of the board chosen by those present shall preside at the meeting.
- (3) The member of the board presiding at a meeting may give directions regarding the procedure to be followed at the meeting.
- (4) At a meeting, 3 members of the board constitute a quorum.
- (5) Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members of the board present and voting.
- (6) The presiding member has a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote.
- (7) The board shall keep minutes of its proceedings.

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#### 11A Annual report by board

The board must, after each 30 June, present to the Legislative Assembly a report of the board's operations during the financial year ending on that date.

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## Part 2.3 Entitlements of members

#### 12 Eligibility

A person who holds, or has held, office as a member is eligible on the person's discontinuance to receive benefits under this chapter in relation to the person's relevant period of service.

#### 13 Members' contributions

A member must pay 5% of the member's salary into the territory banking account in respect of superannuation benefits.

#### 15 Superannuation benefit

(1) Superannuation benefit is payable to a person entitled to a benefit under section 12, in respect of the person's relevant period of service, by way of a lump sum calculated in accordance with the following formula:

#### BSD×SPA

where:

**BSD** means the basic salary payable, on the date of that person's discontinuance, to members who are not office-holders.

*SPA* means the sum of the person's annual percentage accruals calculated in accordance with subsection (2).

(2) Annual percentage accruals are calculated as at 30 June each year for the financial year ended on that date during the continuance of a member's relevant period of service and at 30 June in the financial year during which the member's discontinuance occurred, and are equal to 29% for each full year of service.

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(3) Where a member has been an office-holder during any part of a financial year the member's annual percentage accrual for that year is increased by multiplying the 29% referred to in subsection (2) by a number calculated in accordance with the following formula:

#### TSR TSPM

where:

**TSR** means the total salary received by that member during that financial year.

*TSPM* means the total basic salary which would have been received by the member during that financial year had the member not been an office-holder at any time during that financial year.

(4) Where a person was not a member during the whole of the financial year the person's annual percentage accrual for that year is reduced by multiplying that 29% referred to in subsection (2) by a number calculated in accordance with the following formula:

#### NDM

#### 365

where:

*NDM* means the number of days in that financial year on which that person was a member.

(5) In this section:

*office-holder* means a member who receives additional salary under the remuneration tribunal's determination in relation to the Legislative Assembly.

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#### 16 Death or invalidity benefit

- (1) Where—
  - (a) a member's discontinuance is due to death or invalidity; and
  - (b) the member was under 60 years of age on the date of the member's discontinuance;

a further benefit is payable in accordance with this section.

(2) The further benefit under subsection (1) is calculated by dividing the superannuation benefit payable to the member under section 15 by the number of days in the member's relevant period of service and then multiplying the quotient by the number of days from the date of the member's discontinuance until the date on which the member would attain the age of 60 years.

#### 17 Payment to estate

Where a person-

- (a) becomes eligible to receive a benefit under this chapter; and
- (b) dies before that benefit is paid;

the benefit is payable to the estate of that person.

#### 18 Preservation of benefit

- (1) This section applies to a person who becomes entitled to a superannuation benefit under this chapter if the person—
  - (a) is less than 55 years old; or
  - (b) is at least 55 years old but remains a member of the workforce.
- (2) The benefit is payable—
  - (a) if the person is leaving Australia permanently or the entitlement is because of a discontinuance caused by the person's death or invalidity—immediately to the person; or

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- (b) in any other case—
  - (i) to an eligible choice fund chosen by the person; or
  - (ii) if the person does not choose an eligible choice fund within 3 months after the day the person becomes entitled to the benefit—the default fund.
- (3) For subsection (2) (b) (i), the choice must be in writing given to the board.

#### 18A Members may transfer to choice of funds scheme

- (1) A member may elect to transfer the amount of the member's benefits under this chapter to a fund chosen by the member under section 23 (Choice of fund by members).
- (2) An election must be in writing given to the board.
- (3) The board must—
  - (a) determine the amount of the member's benefit under section 15 (Superannuation benefit) as if the member were entitled to receive a benefit under section 12 (Eligibility); and
  - (b) pay the amount to the fund.

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## Part 2.4 Notification and review of decisions

#### 19 Definitions—pt 2.4

In this part:

*internally reviewable decision* means a decision of the board under this Act.

*internal review notice*—see the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008, section 67B (1).

reviewable decision means a decision of the board-

- (a) in relation to an internally reviewable decision; or
- (b) to refuse to extend the period for applying for reconsideration of a decision under section 21 (3).

#### 20 Internal review notices

If the board makes an internally reviewable decision, the board must give an internal review notice to each entity that has interests affected by the decision.

*Note* The requirements for internal review notices are prescribed under the *ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008.* 

#### 21 Applications for reconsideration

- (1) An entity that has interests affected by a reviewable decision may apply to the board for reconsideration of the decision.
- (2) The application must—
  - (a) be in writing; and
  - (b) state the applicant's name and address; and

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- (c) set out the applicant's reasons for making the application.
- (3) The application must be given to the secretary of the board within—
  - (a) 30 days after the day the applicant is given the internal review statement; or
  - (b) a longer period allowed by the board before or after the end of the 30-day period.

#### 21A Reconsideration

The board must, within 30 days after the board receives the application for reconsideration—

- (a) confirm the decision; or
- (b) vary the decision; or
- (c) set aside the decision and substitute its own decision.

#### 21B Reviewable decision notices

If the board makes a reviewable decision, the board must give a reviewable decision notice to each entity that must be given an internal review notice.

- *Note 1* The board must also take reasonable steps to give a reviewable decision notice to anyone whose interests are affected by the decision (see *ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008*, s 67A).
- *Note 2* The requirements for reviewable decision notices are prescribed under the *ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008*.

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### 21C Applications to ACAT

The following may apply to the ACAT for review of a reviewable decision:

- (a) an entity that is given a reviewable decision notice;
- (b) any other person whose interests are affected by the decision.
- *Note* If a form is approved under the *ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008* for the application, the form must be used.

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## Chapter 3 Choice of funds scheme

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This chapter applies to a person who is elected as a member at or after the 2008 general election, other than someone to whom chapter 2 (Defined benefits scheme) applies.

*Note* **Elected**—see the dictionary.

#### 23 Choice of fund by members

- (1) A member may choose an eligible choice fund to which contributions under section 24 are to be paid for the member's benefit.
- (2) The member may change the member's choice.
- (3) The choice, or change of choice, must be in writing given to the Speaker.

#### 24 Territory contributions

- (1) The Territory must pay the prescribed amount for a member to the relevant fund for the member.
- (2) In this section:

designated percentage means—

- (a) 14%; or
- (b) if another percentage is prescribed by regulation—the prescribed percentage.

#### prescribed amount, in relation to a member, means-

- (a) if the member has made an election under section 18A (Members may transfer to choice of funds scheme) and a discontinuance is taken not to apply to the member after the election was made—an amount equal to 24% of the member's salary for each year, or part of a year, that the member is a member of the Legislative Assembly; or
- (b) in any other case—
  - (i) an amount equal to the designated percentage of the member's salary for each year, or part of a year, that the member is a member of the Legislative Assembly; and
  - (ii) if, for a period, the member contributes to the member's relevant fund at the rate of 3% or more of the member's salary for the period—an additional amount equal to 1% of the member's salary for the period.

relevant fund, in relation to a member, means-

- (a) if a choice under section 18A (Members may transfer to choice of funds scheme) or section 23 (Choice of fund by members) has been made by the member—the chosen fund; or
- (b) in any other case—the default fund.

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#### 25 Regulation-making power

The Executive may make regulations for this Act.

*Note* A regulation must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

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## Chapter 10 Transitional—Superannuation (Legislative Assembly Members) Amendment Act 2008

#### 100 Transitional regulations

- (1) A regulation may prescribe transitional matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed because of the enactment of the *Superannuation (Legislative Assembly Members) Amendment Act 2008.*
- (2) A regulation may modify this chapter (including in relation to another territory law) to make provision in relation to anything that, in the Executive's opinion, is not, or is not adequately or appropriately, dealt with in this chapter.
- (3) A regulation under subsection (2) has effect despite anything in this or another territory law.

#### 101 Expiry—ch 10

This chapter expires 1 year after the day it commences.

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## Dictionary

(see s 2)

- *Note 1* The Legislation Act contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this Act.
- *Note 2* For example, the Legislation Act, dict, pt 1 defines the following terms:
  - ACAT
  - Deputy Speaker
  - exercise
  - function
  - Legislative Assembly
  - remuneration tribunal
  - reviewable decision
  - Self-Government Act
  - Speaker.

*board*, for chapter 2 (Defined benefits scheme)—see section 3C.

#### default fund means—

- (a) First State Super; or
- (b) if another eligible choice fund is prescribed by regulation—the prescribed fund.

discontinuance—see section 3A.

*elected*, in relation to a member, includes a person declared elected under either of the following provisions of the *Electoral Act 1992*:

- (a) section 194 (1) (Determination of candidate to fill vacancy);
- (b) section 195 (1) (Assembly nominees).

*eligible choice fund* means an eligible choice fund under the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* (Cwlth), section 32D.

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general election means a general election of members.

*internally reviewable decision*, for part 2.4 (Notification and review of decisions)—see section 19.

*internal review notice*, for part 2.4 (Notification and review of decisions)—see section 19.

*invalidity*, for chapter 2 (Defined benefits scheme)—see section 3C.

*member* means a member of the Legislative Assembly.

*relevant period of service*, for chapter 2 (Defined benefits scheme)—see section 3C.

*reviewable decision*, for part 2.4 (Notification and review of decisions)—see section 19.

*salary*, of a member, means the member's salary including any additional salary but not including allowances.

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If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

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#### 2 Abbreviation key

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#### 3 Legislation history

The Legislative Assembly (Members' Superannuation) Act 1991 was originally the Superannuation (Legislative Assembly Members) Act 1991. It was renamed by the Superannuation (Legislative Assembly Members) Amendment Act 2008 A2008-40 (see s 5).

#### Legislative Assembly (Members' Superannuation) Act 1991 No 93 notified 24 December 1991 (Gaz 1991 No S155)

s 1, s 2 commenced 24 December 1991 (s 2 (1))

remainder commenced 6 January 1992 (s 2 (2) and Gaz 1992 No S1)

as amended by

## Administrative Appeals (Consequential Amendments) Act 1994 No 60 sch 1

notified 11 October 1994 (Gaz 1994 No S197)

s 1, s 2 commenced 11 October 1994 (s 2 (1))

sch 1 commenced 14 November 1994 (s 2 (2) and Gaz 1994 No S250)

## Financial Management and Audit (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 1996 No 26 sch pt 33

notified 1 July 1996 (Gaz 1996 No S130) sch pt 33 commenced 1 July 1996 (s 2)

#### Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 No 44 pt 372

notified 26 July 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 30) s 1, s 2 commenced 26 July 2001 (IA s 10B) pt 372 commenced 12 September 2001 (s 2 and see Gaz 2001 No S65)

#### Statute Law Amendment Act 2005 A2005-20 sch 3 pt 3.63

notified LR 12 May 2005

s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 8 March 2005 (LA s 75 (2)) sch 3 pt 3.63 commenced 2 June 2005 (s 2 (1))

#### Statute Law Amendment Act 2007 A2007-3 sch 3 pt 3.95 notified LR 22 March 2007

s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 1 July 2006 (LA s 75 (2)) sch 3 pt 3.95 commenced 12 April 2007 (s 2 (1))

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#### Statute Law Amendment Act 2008 A2008-28 sch 3 pt 3.54

notified LR 12 August 2008 s 1, s 2 commenced 12 August 2008 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 3 pt 3.54 commenced 26 August 2008 (s 2)

#### ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Legislation Amendment Act 2008 (No 2) A2008-37 sch 1 pt 1.67

notified LR 4 September 2008

s 1, s 2 commenced 4 September 2008 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.67 commenced 2 February 2009 (s 2 (1) and see ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008 A2008-35, s 2 (1) and CN2009-2)

#### Superannuation (Legislative Assembly Members) Amendment Act 2008 A2008-40

notified LR 3 September 2008 s 1, s 2 commenced 3 September 2008 (LA s 75 (1)) remainder commenced 4 September 2008 (s 2)

#### 4 Amendment history

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