

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1985
No. 23 of 1985
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The House of Assembly Ordinance 1936 ("the principal Ordinance") provides for an Australian Capital Territory House of Assembly, consisting of 18 members, to advise the Minister in relation to any matter affecting the Territory including the making of new Ordinances or the repeal or amendment of existing Ordinances. Sub-section 4(3) of the Ordinance provides for a three year term for members of the Assembly; the terms of members of the present Assembly were due to end on 21 June 1985.

The House of Assembly (Amendment) Ordinance 1985 extends the terms of office of members the current Assembly until 30 June 1986, or, if the Minister for Territories calls an election before then, until polling day. Details of the ordinance are set out below.

Section 1 deals with interpretation.

Section 2 amends the principal Ordinance by inserting two new provisions, sections 4A and 4B.

Section 4A provides that a member of the House of Assembly as at 21 June 1985 shall continue to hold office until 30 June 1986; or, if an election for the House of Assembly is called before that date, until polling day.

Section 4B provides that where, on 21 June 1985, a member of the Assembly has ceased to hold office, but no person has been appointed to the vacant office, the provisions of section 6 of the principal Ordinance relating to the filling of vacancies apply as if the vacancy were for the office of a member whose term of office ends on 30 June 1986 or, if an election for the House of Assembly is called before that date, until polling day.

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