

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Health Professions Boards (Elections)(Amendment) Ordinance 1986

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The Health Professions Boards (Elections)(Amendment) Ordinance 1986 (the Amending Ordinance) amends the Health Professions Boards (Elections) Ordinance 1980 (the Principal Ordinance) to reflect changes in the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance 1983 resulting from the standardisation of the Chiropractic Board in its procedures and composition with other health profession boards in the Australian Capital Territory.

The Amending Ordinance has been implemented in conjunction with related amendments to the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance 1983 and the Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Ordinance 1981.

The Amending Ordinance will commence on a date to be fixed by the Minister for Territories in the Gazette.

Section 4 amends section 3 of the Principal Ordinance, to include the Chiropractic Board in the definition of "Board", reference to the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance 1983 in the definition of "Chairman" and "election", reference to the Chairman of the Chiropractic Board in the definition of "Chairman", reference to the Register of Chiropractors in the definition of "Register" and reference to registered chiropractors in the definition of "registered practitioner".

Section 5 amends section 4 of the Principal Ordinance to substitute "Electoral Commissioner" for "Chief Australian Electoral Officer".

Section 6 introduces a new paragraph (aa) into sub-section 8(3). The new paragraph provides that a person is eligible for nomination as a candidate if that person was entitled to practise as a chiropractor for a period of 3 years prior to the date after which candidates are nominated for election.

Sections 7 and 8 amend sub-sections 26(2) and (3) and sub-sections 27(2) and (3) of the Principal Ordinance respectively, to substitute "Electoral Commissioner" for "Chief Australian Electoral Officer".

Section 9 amends Schedule 1 of the Principal Ordinance to insert references to the Chiropractic Board in Forms 1, 2 and 3 of the Schedule.

Section 10 is a transitional provision which will allow practising chiropractors to be nominated as a candidate at an election held within 3 and a half years from the commencement of the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance 1983.