

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

POLICE ORDINANCE 1967

Explanatory Memorandum

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The 1966 amendment to the Police Ordinance 1927-1964 dealt with the rights of members of the Police Force who might wish to contest Commonwealth or State elections. A penalty of fifty pounds or imprisonment for three months was provided should any member resign or cease to serve without the written consent of the Minister of State for the Interior or a person authorized by him.

Although the Ordinance was drafted before the introduction of decimal currency it was not made until afterwards, but the need to alter the amount of penalty into terms of decimal currency was overlooked. The result is that the reference to fifty pounds is legally ineffective.

The 1967 Ordinance repeals the sub-section containing this reference and replaces it with a provision similar but for the reference to one hundred dollars.

Opportunity has been taken at the same time to correct other monetary references in the Ordinance to express them also in terms of decimal currency.