

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

No. 25 of 1980

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### An Ordinance to amend the *House of Assembly Ordinance 1936*

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*.

Dated this seventeenth day of July 1980.

ZELMAN COWAN  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

R. ELLICOTT  
Minister of State for the Capital Territory

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### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980

#### Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *House of Assembly (Amendment) Ordinance 1980*.<sup>1</sup>

#### Principal Ordinance

2. In this Ordinance, "Principal Ordinance" means the *House of Assemble Ordinance 1936*.<sup>2</sup>

#### President of Assembly and Chairman of Committees

3. Section 7 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting sub-sections (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9).

#### Meetings of the Assembly

4. Section 8 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:

"(6) In the event of an equality of votes on a question, that question shall be deemed to have been resolved in the negative."

5. After section 8 of the Principal Ordinance the following section is inserted:

**Person presiding at meeting of Assembly**

“9. (1) Subject to sub-section (2), the President shall preside at all meetings of the Assembly at which he is present.

“(2) Where, at a meeting of the Assembly, the President—

(a) is absent; or

(b) is engaged in speaking or otherwise acting in his capacity as a member of the Assembly,

such other member of the Assembly as is determined in accordance with rules or orders of the Assembly shall preside at the meeting, or shall preside at the meeting while the President is so engaged, as the case requires.

“(3) The person presiding at a meeting of the Assembly shall have a deliberative vote only.”

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**NOTES**

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 24 July 1980.
2. Ordinance No. 49, 1936 as amended by No. 17, 1937; No. 30, 1938; No. 12, 1945; No. 6, 1951; No. 9, 1952; Nos. 5 and 7, 1957; Nos. 8 and 9, 1959; No. 20, 1961; No. 13, 1962; No. 2, 1965; No. 14, 1966; No. 6, 1967; No. 26, 1969; Nos. 13 and 21, 1973; Nos. 21, 24, 28, 36 and 44, 1974; No. 57, 1976; No. 54, 1977; No. 37, 1978; No. 9, 1979.