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LEGAL AID AMENDMENT ACT 1999

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AN ACT

to amend the *Legal Aid Act*

[Assented to 14 December 1999]

[Second reading 21 October 1999]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Legal Aid Amendment Act 1999*.

2. Commencement

This Act comes into operation on the date fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

3. Principal Act

The *Legal Aid Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

4. Interpretation

Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in the definition of "Commissioner" in subsection (1) "and a person acting as a Commissioner under section 51A" after "Chairman of the Commission".

5. Constitution of Commission

Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended—

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- (a) by omitting from subsection (1)(d) "Law Society;" and substituting "Law Society; and"; and
- (b) by omitting subsection (1)(e).

6. Tenure of office

Section 47 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting "or a person appointed under section 51A to act in the place of a Commissioner" after "the Director".

7. Resignation

Section 49 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting "or a person appointed under section 51A to act in the place of a Commissioner" after "the Director".

8. Removal from office

Section 50 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in subsections (1) and (2) "or a person appointed under section 51A to act in the place of a Commissioner" after "the Director".

9. New section

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 51 the following:

"51A. Regional representatives of staff-elected Commissioner

"(1) The Commission may appoint a member of the staff of the Commission employed at a place outside Darwin to act at a meeting of the Commission in the place of the Commissioner appointed under section 6(1)(f).

"(2) A person appointed under subsection (1) may, with the consent of the Commissioner appointed under section 6(1)(f), act in the place of the Commissioner at a meeting of the Commission.

"(3) The Commission may at any time terminate an appointment under subsection (1).

"(4) A person appointed under subsection (1) may resign from the appointment at any time by writing signed by him or her delivered to the Commission."

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10. Meetings

Section 52 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (5)(a) "5 Commissioners" and substituting "4 Commissioners".
