



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 9 of 1990

AN ACT

to amend the *Supreme Court Act*

[Assented to 2 April 1990]

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the *Supreme Court Amendment Act 1990*.

2. PRINCIPAL ACT

The *Supreme Court Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

3. PRINCIPAL SEAT, &c.

Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (3).

4. NEW SECTION

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 15 the following:

"16. TRANSFER OF PROCEEDINGS TO LOCAL COURT

"(1) A party to a civil proceeding may apply to the Court for the proceeding to be transferred to the Local Court if the matters for determination in the proceeding are within the jurisdiction of the Local Court at the time the application is made.

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"(2) On an application under subsection (1), the Court may, if it considers it proper to do so in all the circumstances of the case, order that the proceeding be transferred to the Local Court, and may make such other orders as it thinks fit.

"(3) Subject to any order of the Court, a transferred proceeding shall be continued in the Local Court as if it had been originally commenced in that court."

5. FULL COURT

Section 21(2) of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (a) ", subject to section 16(1)(b)"; and
- (b) by omitting from paragraph (c) "and then subject to section 16(1)(b),".

6. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "; subject to section 16,".

7. RIGHT OF APPEAL

Section 51 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after "exercised otherwise than by" the words "the Full Court,".
