



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 108 of 1981

AN ACT

To amend the Local Courts Act

[Assented to 21 December 1981]

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 Local Courts Amendment Act 1981.

2. PRINCIPAL ACT

The Local Courts Act is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

3. INTERPRETATION

Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from the definition of "Clerk" the words "assistant clerk" and substituting "an Assistant Clerk appointed under section 13A".

4. NEW SECTION

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 13 the following:

"13A. ASSISTANT CLERKS

"(1) For the purposes of this Act, the Minister may appoint such Assistant Clerks of Local Courts as are necessary for the due administration of justice.

"(2) An Assistant Clerk of a Local Court appointed under subsection (1) may, subject to the direction of the Clerk of the Local Court in respect of which the Assistant Clerk has been appointed, exercise any power or perform any function of the Clerk of that Local Court, under this or any other Act.

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"(3) The appointment of an Assistant Clerk of a Local Court does not affect the exercise of a power or the performance of a function by the Clerk of that Local Court."
