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[Assented to [ ] 2005]  
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**The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:**

### PART 1 – PRELIMINARY MATTERS

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Standard Time Act 2005*.

**2. Commencement**

This Act comes into operation on 1 September 2005.

**3. Definitions**

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears –

"Co-ordinated Universal Time" means Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) as determined by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures and maintained under section 8AA of the *National Measurement Act 1960* (Cth);

"legal document" means any of the following:

- (a) an Act;
- (b) an instrument of a legislative or administrative character under an Act;
- (c) a contract or agreement (whether oral or written or both);
- (d) a deed or other document having legal effect.

#### **PART 2 – STANDARD TIME**

##### **4. Declaration of standard time**

Standard time in the Territory is the time 9 hours and 30 minutes in advance of Co-ordinated Universal Time.

##### **5. References to time**

(1) This section applies in relation to the following:

- (a) a reference to time (whether express or implied) in a legal document;
- (b) the time at, before, after or during which an act or omission has legal effect.

(2) The time must be determined by reference to standard time declared under section 4 unless a legal document requires that it be determined another way.

(3) Subsection (2) applies in relation to a legal document whenever made and an act or omission whenever occurring.

#### **PART 3 – REPEAL**

##### **6. Repeal of Act**

The Standard Time Act, 1898 (SA) as it applies in the Territory is repealed.

#### **PART 4 – AMENDMENT OF *INTERPRETATION ACT***

##### **7. Principal Act amended**

This Part amends the *Interpretation Act*.

**8. Amendment of section 28 (Reckoning of time)**

Section 28(3) –

*omit, substitute*

(3) In an Act, a reference to time must be read as a reference to standard time declared by section 4 of the *Standard Time Act*.

**9. Expiry of Part**

This Part expires on the day after it commences.

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