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Amendment
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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT BILL 1996

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A BILL for AN ACT

to amend the *Supreme Court Act*

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 1996*.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

3. PRINCIPAL ACT

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

4. APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES

Section 32 of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting from subsection (2) "has not attained the age of 70 years and";
- (b) by omitting from subsection (2) "not exceeding 12 months," and substituting "not exceeding 12 months but subject to subsection (4),"; and

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(c) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) A person appointed under subsection (2) to act as a Judge is authorised to complete the hearing and determination of a proceeding that is pending before the person at the time of the expiration of his or her appointment."

5. RETIREMENT

Section 38 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after "A Judge" the words ", other than a Judge appointed under section 32(2),".
