

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

THE SENATE

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*(Presented and read a first time, 25 June 1992)*

(SENATOR COLSTON)

## A BILL

for

An Act to amend the *Parliamentary Presiding Officers Act 1965* in relation to the Deputy Presiding Officer of each House of the Parliament.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:

### Short title etc.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Parliamentary Presiding Officers Amendment Act 1992*.

(2) In this Act, "Principal Act" means the *Parliamentary Presiding Officers Act 1965*.<sup>1</sup>

### Commencement

2. This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

### Interpretation

3. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by adding the following definition:

"Deputy Presiding Officer" means:

- (a) in relation to the Senate, the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees;
- (b) in relation to the House of Representatives, the Chairman of Committees;"

**Presiding Officer to be deemed to continue to be Presiding Officer after resignation**

4. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended:
- (a) by adding after "his" (twice occurring) "or her";
  - (b) by adding after "he" (twice occurring) "or she".

5 **President of Senate to be deemed to continue to be President after expiration of term of service**

5. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended:
- (a) by adding after "his" "or her";
  - (b) by adding after "he" (twice occurring) "or she".

10 **Deputy Presiding Officer to be deemed to be Presiding Officer in event of death, absence or incapacity of Presiding Officer**

6. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "Chairman of Committees" (wherever occurring) and substituting "Deputy Presiding Officer".

15 **Deputy Presiding Officer to be deemed to be Presiding Officer in event of death, absence or incapacity of Presiding Officer after dissolution of House**

7. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "Chairman of Committees" and substituting "Deputy Presiding Officer".

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**NOTE**

20 <sup>1</sup> Act No 5, 1965.