

**Parliamentary Presiding Officers Amendment Act 1992**

**No. 163 of 1992**

**An Act to amend the *Parliamentary Presiding Officers Act 1965* in relation to the Deputy Presiding Officer of each House of the Parliament, and for other purposes**

[*Assented to 11 December 1992*]

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*1*.*

**Commencement**

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

**Interpretation**

**3.** Section 2 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:

**Interpretation**

“2. In this Act:

**‘Deputy Presiding Officer’** means:

1. in relation to the Senate—the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees;
2. in relation to the House of Representatives—the Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees;

**‘Presiding Officer’** means:

1. in relation to the Senate—the President of the Senate;
2. in relation to the House of Representatives—the Speaker of the House of Representatives.”.

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

**4.** Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended:

1. by adding after “his” (twice occurring) “or her”;
2. by adding after “he” (twice occurring) “or she”;
3. by inserting “, or the House of Representatives expires,” after “is dissolved”.

**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:

1. by adding after “his” “or her”;
2. by adding after “he” (twice occurring) “or she”.

**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:

1. by omitting “Chairman of Committees” (wherever occurring) and substituting “Deputy Presiding Officer”;
2. by omitting from paragraph (1)(b) “either of the last two preceding sections” and substituting “section 3 or 4”;
3. by inserting after “is dissolved” in subsection (1) “, or the House of Representatives expires,”;
4. by omitting from subsection (2) “the last preceding sub-section” and substituting “subsection (1)”.

**Presiding Officer to be deemed to continue to be Presiding Officer after dissolution or expiry of House**

**7.** Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended:

**(a)** by inserting “, or the House of Representatives expires” after “is dissolved”;

**(b)** by inserting “or expiry” after “dissolution”.

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

**8.** Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended:

1. by inserting “, or the House of Representatives has expired” after “has been dissolved”;
2. by inserting “or expiry” after “dissolution”;
3. by omitting “Chairman of Committees” and substituting “Deputy Presiding Officer”.

**NOTE**

1. No. 5, 1965.

[*Second reading speech made in*—

*Senate on 25 June 1992*

*House of Representatives on 25 November 1992*]