

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (SPEAKER) ORDINANCE 1974

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No. 92 of 1974

An Ordinance relating to the Exercise in certain circumstances of Statutory Powers and Functions of the Speaker

[Assented to 3 December, 1974]

BE it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia as follows:

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Legislative Assembly (Speaker) Ordinance 1974*. Short title

2. If the Speaker resigns his office or his seat, he shall, for the purposes of the exercise of any powers or functions by the Speaker, be deemed to continue to be the Speaker (whether or not there is a general election of members of the Legislative Assembly after he so resigns) until another Speaker is chosen by the Legislative Assembly or another member is appointed by the Administrator to exercise the powers and perform the functions of the Speaker. Speaker to be deemed to continue to be Speaker after resignation

3.(1) If—

(a) the Speaker; or

(b) a person who, by virtue of section 2, is to be deemed, for the purposes of the exercise of any powers or functions by the Speaker, to continue to be the Speaker,

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dies, is absent from the Northern Territory or is incapable by reason of illness from exercising any powers or functions, the Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly shall, for the purposes of the exercise of any powers or functions by the Speaker, be deemed to be the Speaker (whether or not there is a general election of members of the Legislative Assembly after the death or during the absence or incapacity) until another Speaker is chosen, or another member is appointed to exercise the powers and perform the functions of the Speaker or the absence or incapacity terminates, as the case may be.

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1), where there is no Chairman of Committees, the person who last held office as Chairman of

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Committees shall be deemed to continue to be the Chairman of Committees until a Chairman of Committees is appointed by the Legislative Assembly.

Speaker to be deemed to continue to be Speaker after general election

4. Where there is a general election of members of the Legislative Assembly, the person, if any, who was the Speaker last before the general election shall, for the purposes of the exercise of any powers or functions by the Speaker, be deemed to continue to be the Speaker until a Speaker is chosen by the Legislative Assembly.

Chairman of Committees to be deemed to be Speaker in event of death, absence or incapacity of Speaker after general election

5. If, after a general election of members of the Legislative Assembly, the person, if any who was the Speaker last before the general election dies, is absent from the Northern Territory or is incapable by reason of illness of exercising any powers or functions, the person who last held office as Chairman of Committees shall, for the purposes of the exercise of any powers or functions by the Speaker, be deemed to be the Speaker until a Speaker is chosen by the Legislative Assembly or the absence or incapacity terminates, as the case may be.