



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Supreme Court Amendment Act 2001

No 7 of 2001

An Act to amend the *Supreme Court Act 1933*

[Notified in ACT Gazette No 10: 8 March 2001]

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Supreme Court Amendment Act 2001*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it is notified in the Gazette.

3 Principal Act

In this Act, “Principal Act” means the *Supreme Court Act 1933*.¹

4 Substitution

Section 19 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted:

“19 Oath or affirmation of office—judges

Before proceeding to perform the functions of office, a judge shall take or make—

- (a) an oath or affirmation in accordance with Part 1 of the Schedule; or
- (b) an oath or affirmation in accordance with Part 2 of the Schedule;

before another judge, a justice of the High Court or a judge of the Federal Court.”.

5 Substitution

Section 42 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted:

“42 Oath or affirmation of office—master

Before proceeding to perform the functions of office, the master shall take or make—

- (a) an oath or affirmation in accordance with Part 1 of the Schedule; or
- (b) an oath or affirmation in accordance with Part 2 of the Schedule;

before a judge.”.

6 Substitution

Section 48 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted:

“48 Oath or affirmation of office—registrar

Before proceeding to perform the functions of office, the registrar shall take or make—

- (a) an oath or affirmation in accordance with Part 3 of the Schedule; or
- (b) an oath or affirmation in accordance with Part 4 of the Schedule;

before a judge.”.

7 Substitution

The Schedule to the Principal Act is repealed and the following Schedule substituted:

SCHEDULE

Sections 19, 42 and 48

OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS OF OFFICE

Chief Justice, judges and master

PART 1

OATH

I, [*name*], do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, and her heirs and successors, in the office of [*Chief Justice/*judge/*master] of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, and that I will do right to all manner of people according to law, without fear or favour, affection or ill will. So help me God.

AFFIRMATION

I, [*name*], do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, and her heirs and successors, in the office of [*Chief Justice/*judge/*master] of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, and that I will do right to all manner of people according to law, without fear or favour, affection or ill will.

* State whichever is applicable.

PART 2

OATH

I, [*name*], do swear that I will well and truly serve in the office of [*Chief Justice/*judge/*master] of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, and that I will do right to all manner of people according to law, without fear or favour, affection or ill will. So help me God.

AFFIRMATION

I, [*name*], do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will well and truly serve in the office of [*Chief Justice/*judge/*master] of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, and that I will do right to all manner of people according to law, without fear or favour, affection or ill will.

* State whichever is applicable.

Registrar

PART 3

OATH

I, [name], do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second and her heirs and successors, and that I will well and truly serve her in the office of registrar of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory. So help me God.

AFFIRMATION

I, [name], do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second and her heirs and successors, and that I will well and truly serve her in the office of registrar of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory.

PART 4

OATH

I, [name], do swear that I will well and truly serve in the office of registrar of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory. So help me God.

AFFIRMATION

I, [name], do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will well and truly serve in the office of registrar of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory.

NOTE

Principal Act

1. Reprinted as at 1 September 2000 (Republication No 6).

[Presentation speech made in Assembly on 26 August 1998]