

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Subordinate Law No. 42 of 1994

Issued by the Authority of the Judges
of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

SUPREME COURT RULES (AMENDMENT)

These amendments modify the procedures to be followed in the Supreme Court when the Court is exercising jurisdiction as the Court of Disputed Elections in respect of disputed elections and questions referred to the Court by the Legislative Assembly pursuant to the Electoral Act 1992. The amendments are consequential upon the Electoral (Amendment) Act 1994.

The commencement date of 19 February 1995 is the day after polling day for the next general election, the first to be held under the new Hare-Clark electoral system. These amendments will not be required before that date because they deal only with members of the Legislative Assembly elected under the Hare-Clark system. The terms of office of sitting members of the Legislative Assembly elected under the d'Hondt electoral system will expire on 18 February 1995. Until then existing Order 79, which these amendments replace, will continue to apply in case there is a dispute about the filling of any casual vacancy.