

Western Australia

Public Notaries Amendment Bill 2005

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Public Notaries Act 1979*.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This is the *Public Notaries Amendment Act 2005*.

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2. Commencement

This Act comes into operation on a day fixed by proclamation.

3. The Act amended

The amendments in this Act are to the *Public Notaries Act 1979**.

[* *Reprint 1 as at 5 September 2003.*

For subsequent amendments see Western Australian Legislation Information Tables for 2004, Table 1, p. 364 and Act No. 59 of 2004.]

4. Section 3 amended

Section 3 is amended by deleting the definitions of “section” and “subsection”.

5. Section 6 amended

Section 6(4) is amended by deleting “Fremantle or Perth district” and inserting instead —

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metropolitan region (within the meaning of section 6 of the *Metropolitan Region Town Planning Scheme Act 1959*)

”.

6. Section 7A inserted

After section 7 the following section is inserted —

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7A. Chief Justice may obtain report about applicant from Legal Practice Board

(1) In this section —

“**Board**” means the Legal Practice Board established under section 6 of the *Legal Practice Act 2003*.

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- (2) The Chief Justice may request the Board to report to him or her on any question about which the Chief Justice is required to be satisfied under section 7 in relation to an application made under that section.
- (3) On a request made under subsection (2), the Board shall report to the Chief Justice on each question specified in the request.
- (4) For the purposes of reporting to the Chief Justice on a question the Board —
- 10 (a) may, but is not required to, hold an inquiry into the question; and
- (b) may consult any body of notaries in the State.
- (5) Section 41 of the *Legal Practice Act 2003* applies to any inquiry held under subsection (4)(a) as if the
- 15 inquiry were held under Part 5 of that Act.
- ”.

7. Section 10 amended

- (1) Section 10(1) is repealed.
- (2) Section 10(4) is repealed.

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