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Government Bill

*1st Session, 59th General Assembly
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**An Act to Amend Chapter 376
of the Revised Statutes, 1989,
the Public Service Act,
to Establish the Office
of African Nova Scotian Affairs**

CHAPTER 45
ACTS OF 2004

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
OCTOBER 18, 2004**

The Honourable Barry Barnet
Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

*Halifax, Nova Scotia
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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *Public Service Act*, is amended by adding immediately after Section 25D the following Sections:

25G (1) There shall be an Office of African Nova Scotia Affairs.

(2) The Governor in Council may assign to a member of the Executive Council responsibility for the Office of African Nova Scotia Affairs.

(3) The Office of African Nova Scotia Affairs shall be presided over by the Minister of African Nova Scotia Affairs who has the supervision, direction and control of all affairs and matters relating to the Office and who shall supervise the performance of the functions of the Office.

(4) The Governor in Council may appoint a person to be Chief Executive Officer of the Office of African Nova Scotia Affairs who shall be paid such salary as the Governor in Council determines and who shall perform such duties as are from time to time prescribed by the Governor in Council.

(5) Such other officers and employees as are required for the purposes of the Office of African Nova Scotia Affairs may be appointed pursuant to the *Civil Service Act* and that Act applies to those officers and employees.

25H The objects and purposes of the Office of African Nova Scotia Affairs are to

(a) create and promote an integrated approach within the Government on matters related to the African Nova Scotian community in the Province;

(b) represent the interests of the Province in intergovernmental, and other initiatives and negotiations on matters integral to the interests of African Nova Scotians;

(c) provide research analysis and policy advice on African Nova Scotian issues;

(d) develop and co-operate on communication strategies and public education to increase understanding within the Province of African Nova Scotian culture, heritage and community issues; and

(e) advocate the interests of the African Nova Scotian community.

25I (1) The Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs shall submit annually to the Governor in Council a report for the previous fiscal year respecting access by African Nova Scotians to government services and assistance.

(2) The Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs shall table the annual report in the Assembly, if the Assembly is then sitting, and if the Assembly is not sitting, within fifteen days of its next sitting.

2 This Act comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.
