

## BILL NO. 20

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## An Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act

CHAPTER 38 ACTS OF 2013

## AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DECEMBER 12, 2013

The Honourable Lena Metlege Diab Minister of Justice

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

- 1 Section 45 of Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *House of Assembly Act*, is repealed.
  - 2 (1) Subsection 45A(3) of Chapter 1 is repealed.
- (2) Subsection 45A(8) of Chapter 1 is repealed and the following subsections substituted:
  - (8) With respect only to the inquiry and report pursuant to this Section following next after the general election of 2013.
    - (a) notwithstanding subsection (1), the Speaker shall appoint the persons to make the inquiry on or before December 31, 2013;
    - (b) the inquiry and report must include a review of and recommendations respecting all allowances, reimbursements, allowable expenses or other payments to members of the House pursuant to the *House of Assembly Management Commission Act*, including eligibility therefor under the *House of Assembly Act*, and all retiring allowances payable to members of the House pursuant to the *Members' Retiring Allowances Act*;
    - (c) notwithstanding clause (b), the Speaker may determine the scope of the review required by clause (b);
    - (d) notwithstanding subsection (4), the time for the completion of the inquiry and delivery of the report set out in subsection (4) is March 31, 2014;
    - (e) the Speaker may extend the time set out in clause (d) for the completion of the inquiry and delivery of the report; and
    - (f) subsection (5) applies *mutatis mutandis* to the recommendations respecting the matters reviewed pursuant to clause (b).
  - (9) For greater certainty, nothing in subsection (8) affects the authority of the House of Assembly Management Commission to make regulations pursuant to the *House of Assembly Management Commission Act*.
  - 3 This Act has effect on and after December 6, 2013.

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