

CLAUSE NOTES

Legal Aid Commission Amendment Bill 2016

- Clause 1: Provides for the short title of the Bill.
- Clause 2: Provides that the Act commences on Royal Assent.
- Clause 3: Provides that the Principal Act is the *Legal Aid Commission Act 1990*.
- Clause 4: Amends section 5 of the *Legal Aid Commission Act 1990* by reducing the membership of the Legal Aid Board from 10 to 5 members, and provides for the qualifications required for appointment as a member of the Legal Aid Board.
- Clause 5: Amends section 16 of the *Legal Aid Commission Act 1990* by removing the requirement that applications for legal aid must be in writing.
- Clause 6: Inserts a section into the *Legal Aid Commission Act 1990* that provides that savings and transitional provisions have effect.
- Clause 7: Amends Schedule 2 to the *Legal Aid Commission Act 1990* by reducing the number of members needed to require the Chairperson to convene a meeting of the Legal Aid Board from 3 to 2, and further by reducing the number of members required for a quorum from 5 to 3.
- Clause 8: Amends the *Legal Aid Commission Act 1990* by inserting a new Schedule to the Act that provides for savings and transitional provisions regarding the membership of the Legal Aid Board.
- Clause 9: Repeals the Act one year from the date on which it commences.