

Respect at Work and Other Matters Amendment Act 2024

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Part 9A

Part 9A Amendment of Supreme Court of Queensland Act 1991

75A Act amended

This part amends the Supreme Court of Queensland Act 1991.

75B Amendment of s 6 (Acting judges)

Section 6(12)—
omit.

75C Insertion of new ss 6A and 6B

After section 6—
insert—

6A Reserve judges

- (1) The Governor in Council may, by commission, appoint as many reserve judges as are necessary for conducting the business of the court.

Note—

For the remuneration of a reserve judge engaged under section 6B, see the Judicial Remuneration Act 2007, section 5A.

- (2) A person is eligible for appointment as a reserve judge only if—
 - (a) the person is a retired Supreme Court judge; or
 - (b) the person has not reached 70 years of age and has been—
 - (i) a judge of a supreme court of another State; or
 - (ii) a judge of the Federal Court of Australia.
- (3) A reserve judge's appointment ends on the earlier of—
 - (a) the day, not more than 5 years after the appointment is made, stated in the person's commission; or
 - (b) the day the reserve judge reaches the age of—
 - (i) if the person is a retired Supreme Court judge—78 years; or
 - (ii) otherwise—70 years.
- (4) However, despite subsection (3), a reserve judge engaged under section 6B who, before the judge's commission ends, starts the hearing of a proceeding, remains a reserve judge for the purposes of finishing the proceeding.

- (5) A person may be re-appointed as a reserve judge.

6B Engagement of reserve judges

- (1) The chief justice may, from time to time, by notice in writing, engage a reserve judge to undertake the duties of a judge on a full-time or sessional basis.
- (2) Each engagement under subsection (1) must not exceed 6 consecutive months.
- (3) A reserve judge engaged under this section—
 - (a) may be engaged more than once; and
 - (b) has, subject to the conditions stated in the judge's commission, the same powers, authority, immunities and protections as a judge.
- (4) A period of engagement of a reserve judge under this section is not to be counted as service for the purposes of the *Judges (Pensions and Long Leave) Act 1957*.

75D Amendment of sch 5 (Dictionary)

Schedule 5—

insert—

reserve judge means a person appointed as a reserve judge of the Supreme Court under section 6A.

retired Supreme Court judge means a person who—

- (a) has been a judge of the Supreme Court; and
- (b) has not reached 78 years of age.