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South Australia

**Parliamentary Committees (Referral of Petitions)
Amendment Bill 2024**

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1991*.

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1 Transitional provision

The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

5 This Act may be cited as the *Parliamentary Committees (Referral of Petitions) Amendment Act 2024*.

Part 2—Amendment of *Parliamentary Committees Act 1991*

2—Amendment of section 6—Functions of Committee

Section 6—after paragraph (a) insert:

- 10 (ab) to inquire into, consider and report on petitions referred to it under section 16B;

3—Amendment of section 9—Functions of Committee

Section 9—after paragraph (a) insert:

- 15 (ab) to inquire into, consider and report on petitions referred to it under section 16B;

4—Amendment of section 12C—Functions of Committee

Section 12C—after paragraph (a) insert:

- (ab) to inquire into, consider and report on petitions referred to it under section 16B;

5—Amendment of section 15—Functions of Committee

Section 15—after paragraph (a) insert:

- (ab) to inquire into, consider and report on petitions referred to it under section 16B;

5 **6—Amendment of section 15C—Functions of Committee**

Section 15C—after paragraph (a) insert:

- (ab) to inquire into, consider and report on petitions referred to it under section 16B;

7—Amendment of section 15F—Functions of the Committee

10 Section 15F—after paragraph (b) insert:

- (ba) to inquire into, consider and report on petitions referred to it under section 16B;

8—Amendment of section 15I—Functions of Committee

Section 15I(1)—after paragraph (a) insert:

- 15 (ab) to inquire into, consider and report on petitions referred to it under section 16B;

9—Amendment of section 15L—Functions of Committee

Section 15L(1)—after paragraph (b) insert:

- 20 (ba) to inquire into, consider and report on petitions referred to it under section 16B;

10—Amendment of section 15O—Functions of Committee

Section 15O(1)—after paragraph (e) insert:

- (ea) to inquire into, consider and report on petitions referred to it under section 16B; and

25 **11—Amendment of section 16B—Certain petitions referred to Legislative Review Committee**

- (1) Section 16B, heading—delete the heading and substitute:

Referral of certain petitions to Committee

- (2) Section 16B(1)—delete subsection (1) and substitute:

- 30 (1) The House of Assembly or the Legislative Council must, on presentation of an eligible petition by a member of the relevant House, refer the petition to an appropriate Committee.

12—Amendment of section 19—Reference of Committee report to Minister for response

- 35 (1) Section 19(1a)—delete "the Legislative Review Committee" and substitute:
a Committee

(2) Section 19(3)(a)—delete "the Legislative Review Committee" and substitute:

a Committee

(3) Section 19(4), definition of *prescribed Minister*, (a)—delete "the Legislative Review Committee" and substitute:

a Committee

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Schedule 1—Transitional provision

1—Transitional provision

(1) On the commencement of this clause—

(a) despite the provisions of section 16B(1) of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1991*, the Legislative Review Committee is not required to inquire into, consider or report on a relevant petition; and

(b) the House in which a relevant petition was tabled must refer the relevant petition to an appropriate Committee; and

(c) any evidence received by the Legislative Review Committee during an inquiry into a relevant petition—

(i) is, by force of this paragraph, referred to the Committee to which the relevant petition has been referred pursuant to paragraph (b) for its consideration; and

(ii) must be provided by the Legislative Review Committee to the Committee to which the relevant petition has been referred.

(2) In this clause—

eligible petition has the same meaning as in section 16B of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1991*;

relevant petition means an eligible petition that has, on or after 5 May 2023, been referred to the Legislative Review Committee pursuant to section 16B of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1991* as in force before the commencement of this clause.

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