New South Wales



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ELIZABETHÆ II REGINÆ

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- (6) The office of Solicitor General shall not be held by a Minister of the Crown.
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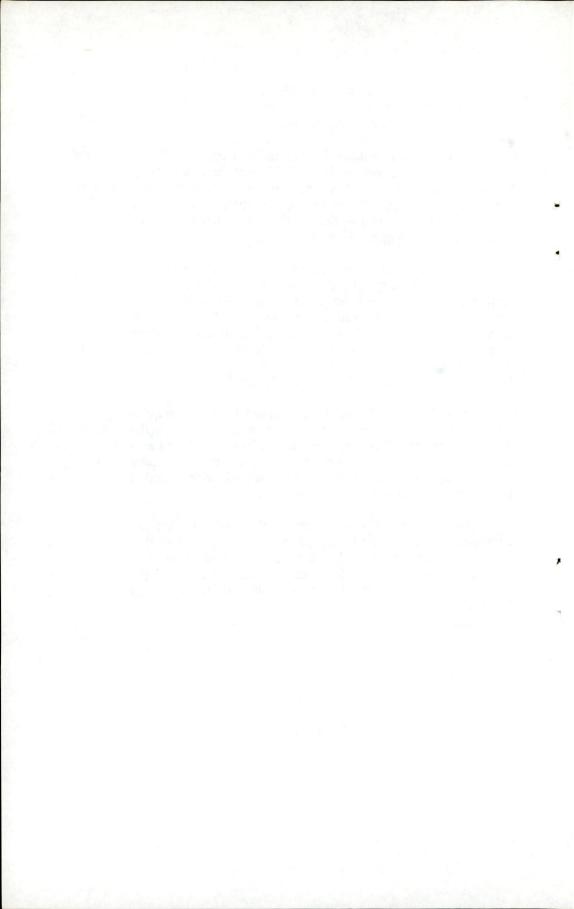
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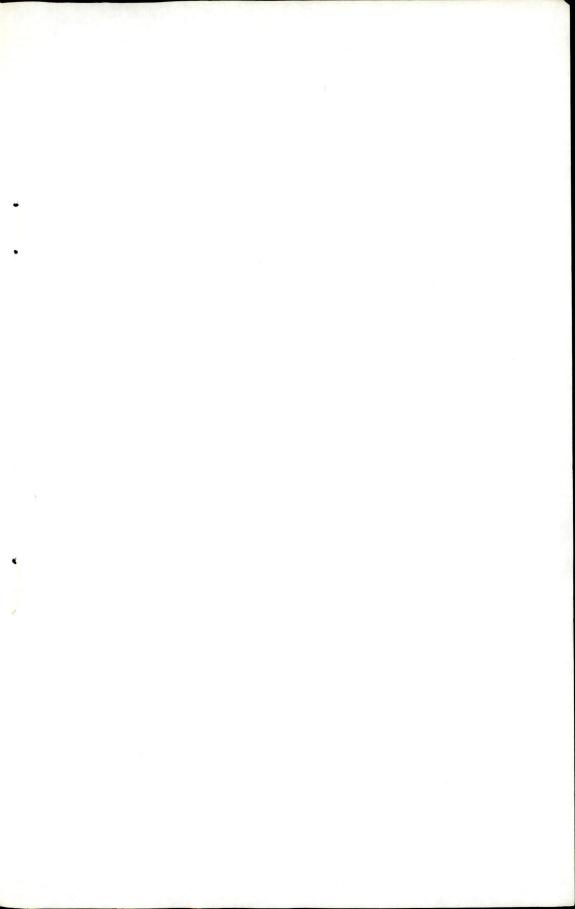
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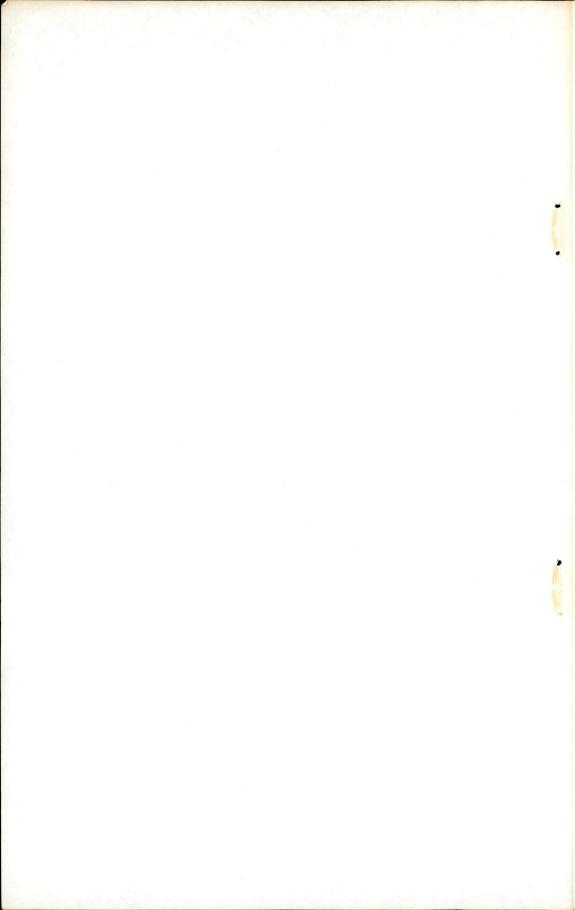
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I certify that this Public Bill, which originated in the Legislative Assembly, has finally passed the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

I. P. K. VIDLER, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 26 November, 1969.

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I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.

L. A. PUNCH, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

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In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

A. R. CUTLER, Governor.

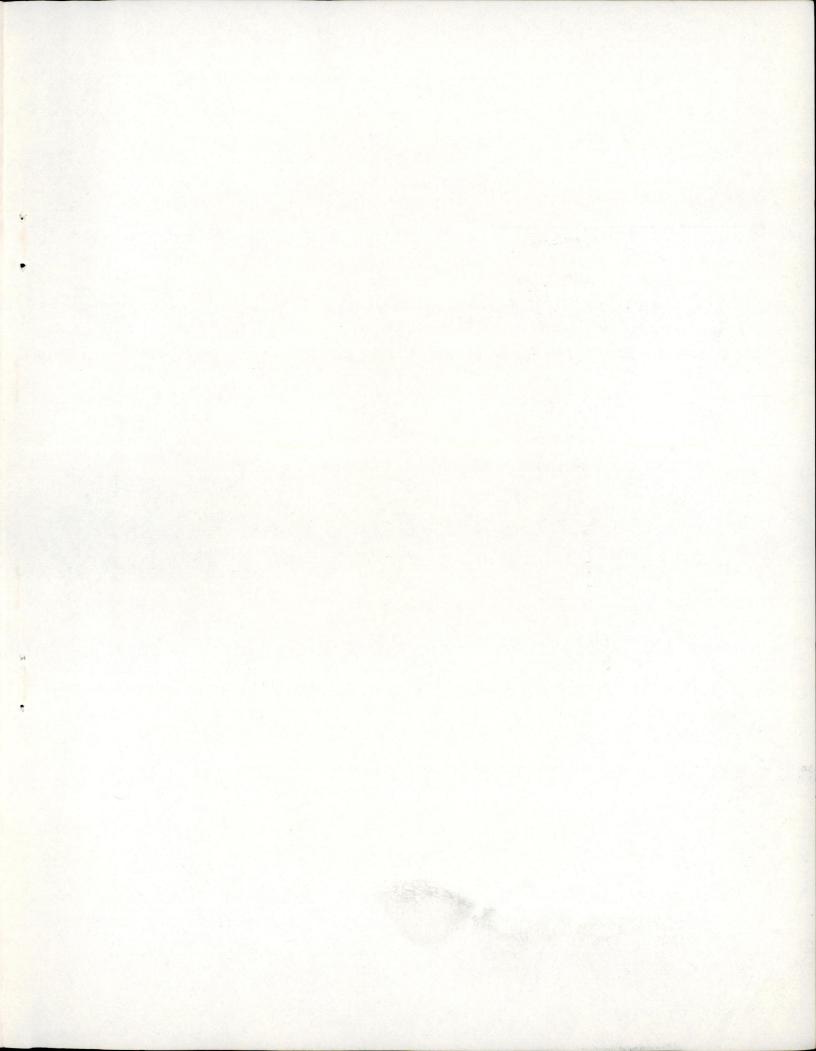
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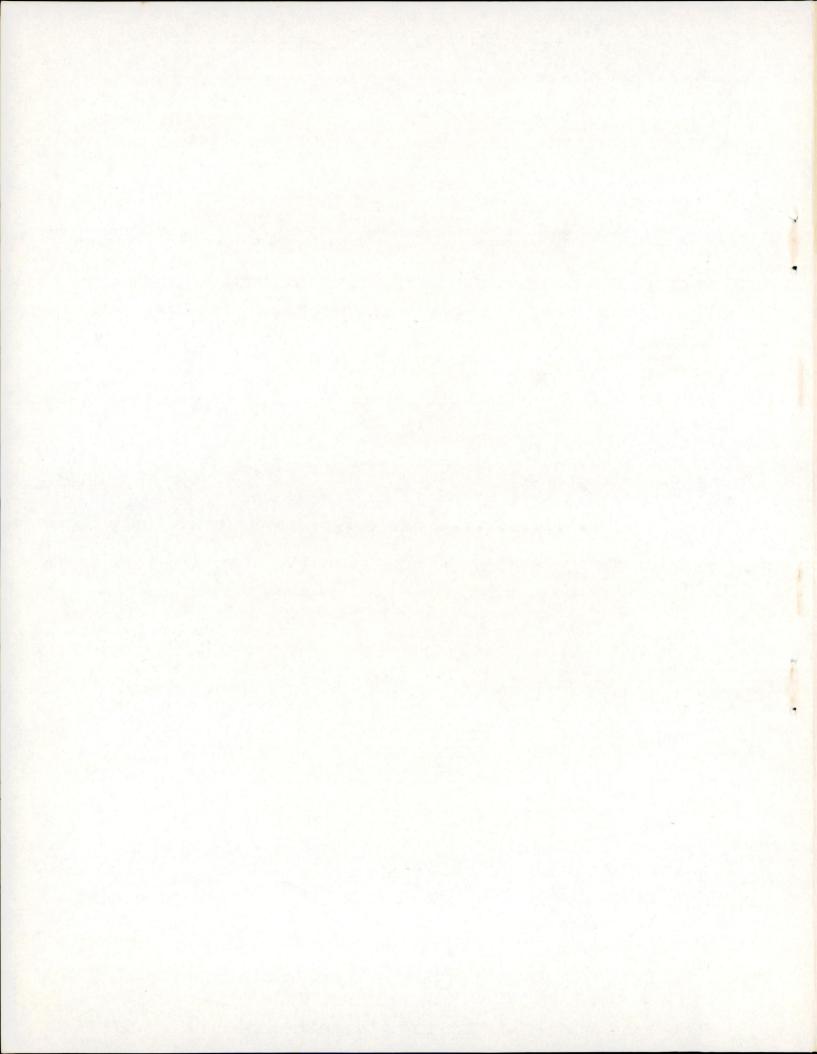
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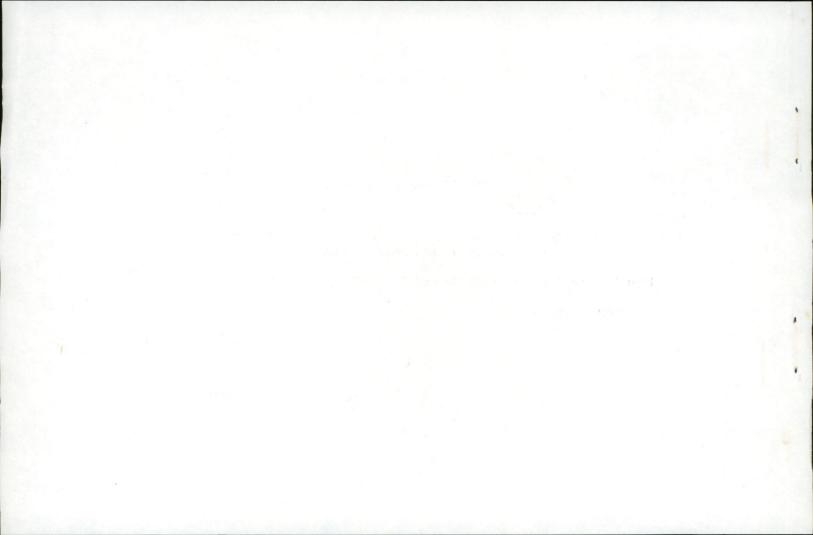


SOLICITOR GENERAL BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Legislative Council's Message of 19 November, 1969.

Page 3, clause 2, line 18. Omit "he held the same", insert "on which he held it".

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I. P. K. VIDLER, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 2 October, 1969.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with an Amendment.

J. R. STEVENSON, Clerk of the Parliaments.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney 19 November, 1969.

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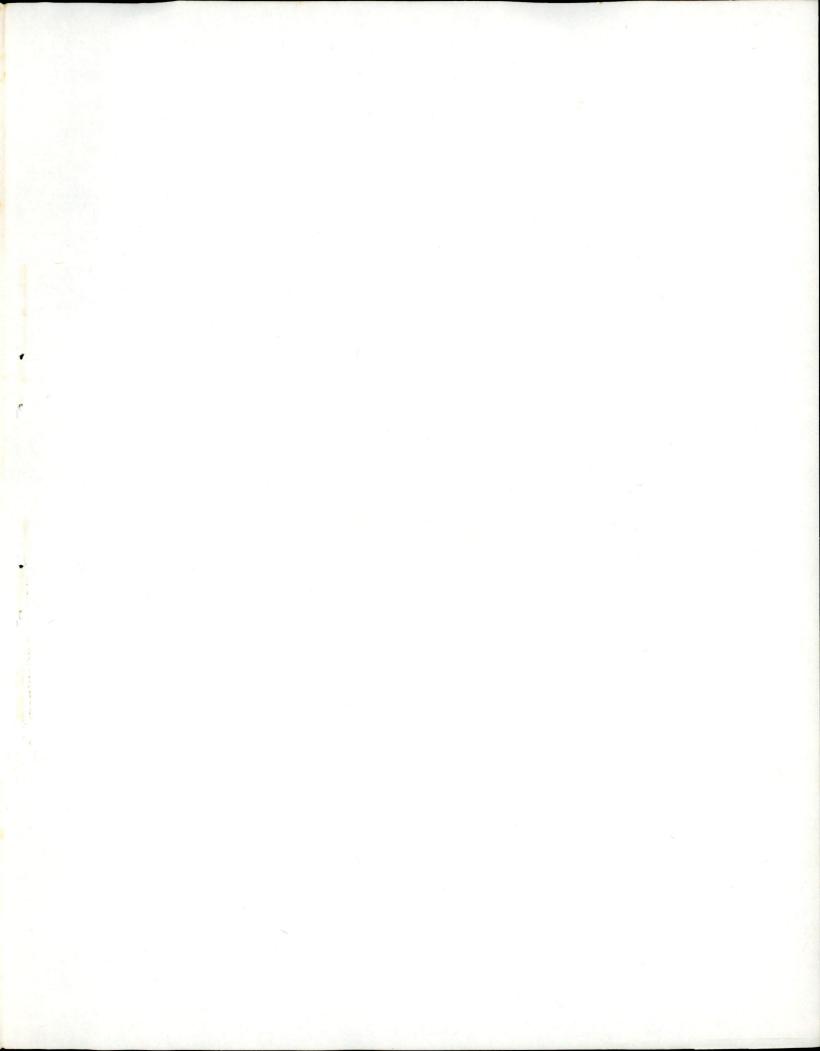
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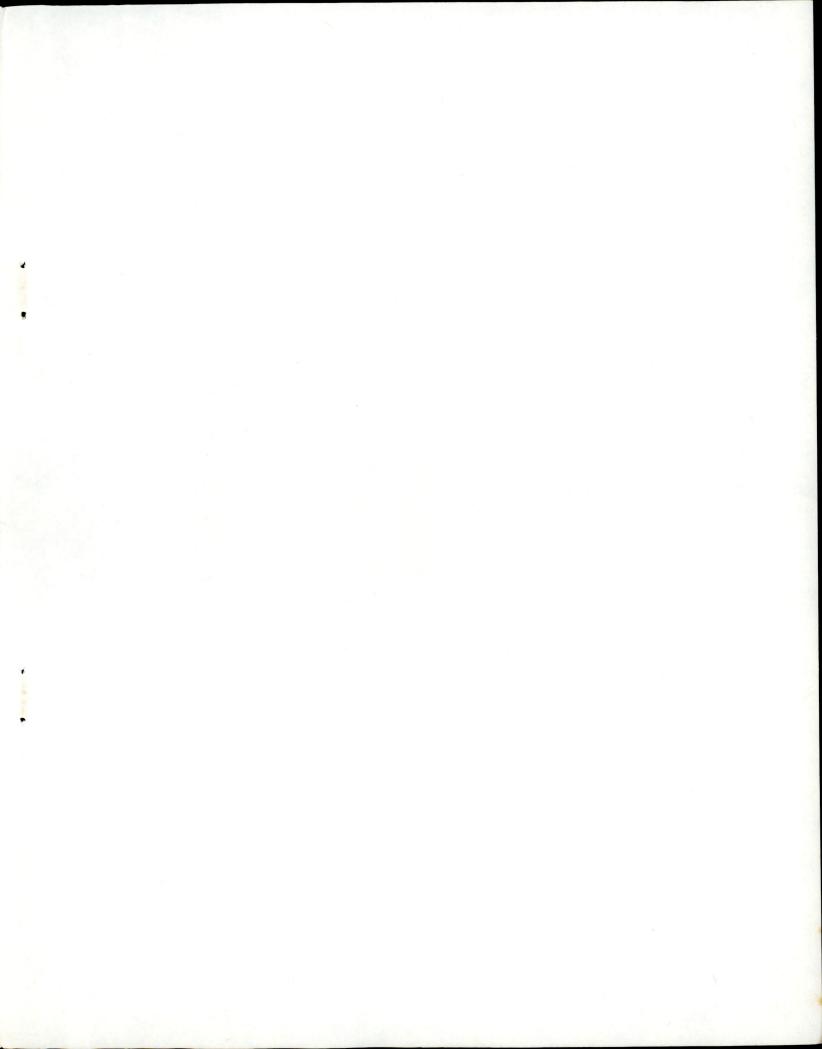
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- (7) The person holding the office of Solicitor General at the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have 15 been appointed by the Governor under this Act, and shall, subject to subsection three of this section and notwithstanding subsections four and five of this section, continue to hold that office on the terms and conditions he held the same immediately before such commencement.

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- (a) act as Counsel for Her Majesty and may perform etc., of Solicitor such other duties and functions of Counsel as the General. Attorney General directs;
- (b) when the office of Attorney General is vacant, or the Attorney General is absent from the State or is 25 by reason of illness unable to exercise and discharge his powers, authorities, duties and functions, exercise and discharge any powers, authorities, duties and functions conferred or imposed on the 30 Attorney General by or under any Act or incident by law to the office of the Attorney General.

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- (2) The provisions of subsection one of this section shall have effect notwithstanding any delegation made under section four of this Act in respect of any power, authority, duty or function referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection 5 one of this section and any such delegation and any terms of such delegation shall have no operation or effect during any period the Solicitor General may exercise or discharge such power, authority, duty or function pursuant to the said paragraph (b).
- 4. (1) The Attorney General may, by instrument in writ-Delegation ing, delegate to the Solicitor General the exercise or discharge of such of the powers (other than this power of delegation), authorities, duties and functions which may be exercised or discharged by the Attorney General as may be specified in
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- (2) Any power, authority, duty or function, the exercise or discharge of which has been delegated under this section may, subject to subsection two of section three of this20 Act and while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised or discharged from time to time in accordance with the terms of the delegation by the Solicitor General.
- (3) A delegation made under this section may be made subject to such conditions or such limitations as to the 25 exercise or discharge of any of the specified powers, authorities, duties or functions delegated or as to time or circumstances as may be specified in the instrument of delegation.
- (4) Notwithstanding any delegation made under this section the Attorney General may continue to exercise or 30 discharge all or any of the powers, authorities, duties or functions delegated.

- 5. (1) Any act or thing done or suffered by the Solicitor Exercise of General pursuant to section three of this Act, or when acting powers, in the exercise of a delegation under section four of this Act etc., under and within the terms of the delegation, shall have the like sections 3 and 4.

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- 15 (3) No person shall be concerned to see or inquire whether any act, matter or thing done or performed by the Solicitor General when purporting to act in pursuance of section three of this Act, or in pursuance of a delegation under section four of this Act, is or is not authorised by that section 20 or by that delegation, as the case may be.
- (4) The provisions of section three of this Act are supplemental to and not in derogation of any other law relating to the exercise or discharge by the Solicitor General of any of the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the 25 Attorney General, or incident to the office of the Attorney General.

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[MR McCaw—17 September, 1969.]

B^E it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as 5 follows:—

- 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Solicitor General Short title and interpretation.
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 - (2) A person shall not be appointed as Solicitor General if he is of or above the age of seventy years.
- 20 (3) A Solicitor General shall be paid such remuneration as may from time to time be determined by the Governor.
 - (4) Any appointment pursuant to subsection one of this section may be on such terms and conditions as the Governor determines.
- 25 (5) A Solicitor General shall be deemed to have vacated his office—
 - (a) if for any cause which appears to the Governor sufficient he is removed from office by the Governor;
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- (c) if he becomes a mentally ill person, a protected person or an incapable person within the meaning of the Mental Health Act, 1958;
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- (6) The office of Solicitor General shall not be held by a Minister of the Crown.
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SOLICITOR GENERAL BILL, 1969

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THE objects of this Bill are-

- (a) to give statutory recognition to the office of Solicitor General and provide for the appointment of a deputy during the absence of the Solicitor General;
- (b) to authorise the delegation to the Solicitor General of any of the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Attorney General;
- (c) to empower the Solicitor General to exercise and discharge, irrespective of whether or not a delegation has been made, the special powers, authorities, duties and functions conferred or imposed on the Attorney General by or under any Act or incident by law to the office of Attorney General, during any period the office of Attorney General may be vacant, or the Attorney General may be absent from the State or by reason of illness unable to exercise or discharge those special powers, authorities, duties and functions;
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