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It is hereby notified that the State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information:—

No. 47 of 1989: Legal Aid Amendment Act, 1989.

Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die Staatspresident sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word:—

No. 47 van 1989: Wysigingswet op Regshulp, 1989.

Act No. 47, 1989

LEGAL AID AMENDMENT ACT, 1989

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

ľ	1	Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.
		Words underlined with solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

ACT

To amend the Legal Aid Act, 1969, so as to provide that the Legal Aid Board may recover costs in a dispute in respect of which it rendered legal aid, but which is later settled, and may fix conditions regarding such right of recovery; to amend certain designations; and to empower certain members of the board to designate any person who is not an officer in their departments or offices to represent them at a meeting of the board; and to provide for incidental matters.

(English text signed by the State President.) (Assented to 27 April 1989.)

B^E IT ENACTED by the State President and the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

Amendment of section 3 of Act 22 of 1969

1. Section 3 of the Legal Aid Act, 1969 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (d) of the following 5 paragraph:

"(d) to fix conditions subject to which legal aid is to be rendered, including conditions in accordance with which any rights in respect of costs recovered or recoverable in any legal proceedings or any dispute in respect of which the aid is rendered, shall be ceded to the board, and conditions relating to 10 the payment of contributions to the board by persons to whom legal aid is rendered;".

Amendment of section 4 of Act 22 of 1969

2. Section 4 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution in the Afrikaans text for paragraph (b) of subsection (1) 15

of the following paragraph:

- "(b) een praktiserende advokaat en vier praktiserende prokureurs, onderskeidelik deur die Algemene [Raad van die Balie] Balieraad van Suid-Afrika en die Vereniging van [Wetsgenootskappe] Prokureursordes van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika benoem en deur die Minister 20 aangestel;";
- (b) by the substitution for paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of subsection (1) of the following paragraphs, respectively:

"(c) the [Secretary for] Director-General: Justice;

(d) the [Secretary for Plural Relations and Development] Director-Gen-25 eral: Development Planning;

the [Secretary for Social Welfare and Pensions] Heads of the Departments: Health Services and Welfare of the Administrations: House of Assembly, House of Delegates and House of Representatives;"; and

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(c) by the substitution for paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of the following paragraph:

"(b) If any member of the board referred to in paragraph (c), (d), (e) or (f) of subsection (1) is unable for any reason to attend any meeting of the board, he may designate any officer in his department or office or, with the approval of the Minister, any other person to represent him at such meeting.".

Substitution of section 8A of Act 22 of 1969, as inserted by section 24 of Act 102 of 1972

3. The following section is hereby substituted for section 8A of the principal Act: 10

"Recovery of costs by board

- **8A.** (1) Whenever in any judicial proceedings or any dispute in respect of which legal aid is rendered to a litigant or other person by the board, costs become payable to such litigant or other person in terms of a judgment of the court or a settlement or otherwise, it shall, subject to the 15 powers of the board referred to in section 3 with regard to the fixing of conditions, be deemed that such litigant or other person has ceded his rights to such costs to the board.
- (2) If a litigant or person referred to in subsection (1) or his legal representative or the board has, at any time before payment of the costs 20 deemed in terms of subsection (1) to be ceded to the board, whether before or after such costs become payable, given the person by whom the costs are to be paid at his last known address and the registrar or clerk of the court concerned notice in writing that legal aid is being or has been rendered, the board may proceed in its own name to have such costs 25 taxed and to recover them, without being substituted on the record of the judicial proceedings concerned, if any, for the said litigant.
- (3) The costs referred to in subsection (1) shall be calculated and the bill of costs concerned, if any, shall be taxed as if the litigant or person to whom legal aid was rendered, had obtained the services of the legal 30 representative acting on his behalf in the proceedings or dispute concerned, without the aid of the board."

Amendment of section 9 of Act 22 of 1969

- 4. Section 9 of the principal Act is hereby amended—
 - (a) by the substitution for subsection (5) of the following subsection:
 "(5) The board shall invest any moneys not required for immediate use or as a reasonable operating balance, with the [Public Debt Commissioners]
 Corporation for Public Deposits or in such other manner as the Minister
 - may in consultation with the Minister of Finance determine.";

 (b) by the substitution for subsection (9) of the following subsection:

 (9) The accounts of the board shall be audited by the [Controller and]

 Auditor-General.";
 - (c) by the substitution for subsection (10) of the following subsection:
 - "(10) The board shall furnish the Minister with such information as he may call for from time to time in respect of the activities and financial 45 position of the board, and shall in addition submit to the Minister an annual report, including a balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure certified by the [Controller and] Auditor-General."; and
 - (d) by the substitution for subsection (11) of the following subsection:

 "(11) The Minister shall lay the said report upon the Table Fof the
 - "(11) The Minister shall lay the said report upon the Table [of the Senate 50 and of the House of Assembly] in Parliament within 14 days after receipt thereof, if Parliament is then in ordinary session, or, if Parliament is not in ordinary session, within 14 days after the commencement of the next ensuing ordinary session.".

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5. This Act shall be called the Legal Aid Amendment Act, 1989.