

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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No. 40

*An Act to amend *The Interpretation Act, 1995**

Clause of Bill

1 *The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016*

2 *The Interpretation Act, 1995*

3 **Existing Provision**

None.

Explanation

A new definition is added for the term “privatize”.

“Privatize” is defined to mean, with respect to a Crown corporation, the transfer from the public sector to the private sector of ownership and control of that Crown corporation by any of the listed methods.

Clause (f) provides for additional methods to be added by regulation.

“Privatize” does not include the winding up or dissolution of a Crown corporation or its restructuring.

4 **Existing Provision**

General definitions

27 (5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing an official French language equivalent for the title or name of any place, body, society, officer, functionary, person, party or thing.

1995, c.I-11.2, s.27; 1998, c.P-30.11, s.69; 1998, c.47, s.5; 1998, c.C-45.2, s.476; 1999, c.25, s.3; 2000, c.C-42.1, s.26; 2002, c.27, s.4; 2002, c.47, s.3; 2005, c.21, s.4; 2006, c.E-11.2, s.70; 2006, c.22, s.5; 2006, c.42, art.3; 2010, c.4, s.3; 2010, c.25, s.4; 2014, c.11, s.5.

Explanation

Subsection 27(5) is amended to provide for the ability for the Lieutenant Governor in Council to add additional methods to the definition of privatize.

5 Existing Provision

New

Explanation

The new subsections (6) and (7) are added to address the use of the term “Queen” rather than “King”, or vice versa, in a variety of Acts and regulations.

These transitional provisions will allow for “Queen” to be read as “King” or “King” as “Queen” when the reigning sovereign changes in the future until specific amendments can be made.

6 Existing Provision**Enacting clause**

37(1) The enacting clause of an Act shall be in the following form:

“Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:”

(2) The enacting clause of an Act shall follow the preamble, if any.

1995, c.I-11.2, s.37.

Explanation

Subsection (1) is replaced to allow for the enacting clause of an Act to change with the gender of the sovereign in the English version of an Act.

No gender change is required in the French version of an Act.

7 Coming into force.