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An Act to amend the Human Rights Commission Act 1977 [23 November 1982]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Human Rights Commission Amendment Act 1982, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Human Rights Commission Act 1977 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. New sections inserted—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in Part I, after section 14, the following sections:

“14A. **Funds of Commission**—The funds of the Commission shall consist of—

“(a) Any money appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the Commission and paid to the Commission for the purposes of the Commission:

“(b) All other money lawfully received by the Commission for the purposes of the Commission:

“(c) All accumulations of income derived from any such money.

“14B. **Bank accounts**—(1) The Commission shall open at any bank or banks such accounts as are necessary for the exercise of its functions and powers.

“(2) All money received by the Commission, or by any employee of the Commission, shall, as soon as practicable after it has been received, be paid into such bank accounts of the Commission as the Commission from time to time determines.

“(3) The withdrawal or payment of money from any such account shall be authorised by a prior resolution of the Commission, or shall be submitted to the Commission for confirmation at its first ordinary meeting after the date of payment.

“(4) The withdrawal or payment of money from any such accounts shall be by cheque signed by such person or persons as the Commission may from time to time authorise.

“14C. **Accounts and audit**—(1) The Commission shall keep full and correct accounts of all its financial transactions, assets, liabilities, and funds; and its accounts shall be audited by the Audit Office which for that purpose shall have and may exercise all such powers as it has under the Public Finance Act 1977 in respect of public money and stores.

“(2) The financial year of the Commission shall end on the 31st day of March or on such other date as may from time to time be directed by the Minister.

“(3) At the end of each financial year, the Commission shall prepare an income and expenditure account showing its financial transactions for that year, together with a balance sheet as at the last day of the financial year.

“(4) As soon as practicable after the end of its financial year, the Commission shall submit its income and expenditure account and balance sheet to the Audit Office for audit.

“(5) A copy of the audited accounts of the Commission together with the Audit Office report thereon shall be laid before Parliament no later than 6 months after the end of the financial year and may be incorporated in the annual report of the Commission prepared under section 81 (1) of this Act.

“14D. **Investment of money**—Any money which belongs to the Commission and which is not immediately required for expenditure by the Commission may be invested in the same manner in which money in the Public Account may be invested pursuant to section 50 of the Public Finance Act 1977.

“14E. **Exemption from income tax**—The income of the Commission shall be exempt from income tax.”

3. Charitable instruments—Section 91 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “or a”, and substituting the words “of a”.

This Act is administered in the Department of Justice.
