No. 73 of 1974

An Act to amend the Royal Institution for the Blind Act, 1934.

[Assented to 17th October, 1974]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Royal Institution for the Blind Act Amendment Act, 1974".

(2) The Royal Institution for the Blind Act, 1934, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

(3) The principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Royal Society for the Blind of South Australia Act, 1934-1974".

2. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting in the definition of "The Institution" after the passage "under this Act" the passage "and on and after the commencement of the Royal Institution for the Blind Act Amendment Act, 1974, means that body under the name 'Royal Society for the Blind of South Australia Incorporated'";

(b) by inserting after the definition of "The Institution" the following definitions:—

"Employee" in relation to the Institution, means an employee of the Institution and includes any afflicted person to whom in the course of its benevolence the Institution is for the time being affording work:

"Executive Director" means the person for the time being appointed as Executive Director under section 10a of this Act and in office;
(c) by striking out the definition of "Subscribers" and inserting in lieu thereof the following definition:—

"Subscribers" means—

(a) the Life Governors of the Institution;
and

(b) persons who have contributed to the Institution at least such annual sum as is, from time to time fixed by the Board, for at least two years preceding the year in which the meeting, in relation to which they may be regarded as subscribers, is held.

4. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the present contents thereof (which are hereby designated subsection (1) thereof) the following subsections:—

(2) On and after the commencement of the Royal Institution for the Blind Act Amendment Act, 1974, the Institution shall continue in existence as a body corporate under the name "Royal Society for the Blind of South Australia Incorporated".

(3) Where in any document or writing of any kind or in any Act, rule or regulation or any other enactment, a reference is made to the Royal Institution for the Blind (Incorporated), on and after the commencement of the Royal Institution for the Blind Act Amendment Act, 1974, that reference shall be read as a reference to the Royal Society for the Blind of South Australia Incorporated.

(4) Where a claim, action or proceeding by or against the Institution had been made or commenced before the commencement of the Royal Institution for the Blind Act Amendment Act, 1974, and had not been finally disposed of on that commencement there shall be substituted in that claim, action or proceeding for the name Royal Institution for the Blind (Incorporated) the name Royal Society for the Blind of South Australia Incorporated.

(5) The incorporation of the Institution deemed to have been effected under the Associations Incorporation Act, 1956-1965, is hereby dissolved.

5. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting in subsection (2) after the passage "at least two Vice-Presidents," the passage "Executive Director,";
and

(b) by striking out from subsection (2) the passage "and Treasurer," and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "Treasurer, and one employee of the Institution elected, in accordance with the rules, by the employees of the Institution".

6. The following sections are enacted and inserted in the principal Act immediately after section 10 thereof:—

10a. (1) The Board may appoint an Executive Director of the Institution.

(2) The terms and conditions of employment, including remuneration, of the Executive Director shall be as determined by the Board.
10b. (1) The Board may from time to time fix an annual sum as being the annual sum for the purposes of paragraph (b) of the definition of “Subscribers” in section 2 of the principal Act.

(2) For the purposes of this Act until a sum is first fixed by the Board pursuant to subsection (1) of this section the annual sum so fixed shall be deemed to be two dollars and ten cents.

7. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after paragraph (h) of subsection (1) the following paragraph:—

(ha) To provide for any matter or thing arising out of or in connection with the election of an employee of the Institution to be a member of the Board:

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

W. R. CROCKER, Governor’s Deputy