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**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

**RULE AMENDMENT 5(1) – CONSTITUENCY OFFICE LOCATION**

<b>Effective Date:</b> February 22, 2008	<b>Commission Minute:</b> CM 2007 - 026
<b>Subject:</b> Constituency Office Location	<b>Reference:</b> HOAMC Meeting, November 28, 2007 Agenda Item No. 10-2 NL Gazette, February 22, 2008
<b>Issued To:</b> All Members of the House of Assembly; Comptroller General; Directors of Government Accounting, Professional Services and Internal Audit, OMSP, and Corporate Services; Office of the Auditor General; Office Managers of Government Caucus, Official Opposition Caucus, NDP Caucus; Assistant Deputy Clerk, Executive Council; Director of Operations, Office of the Premier.	<b>Contact:</b> Marlene Lambe Chief Financial Officer 729 – 2923

**BACKGROUND**

Subsection 20(5) of *The Members’ Resources and Allowances Rules* provided that, in addition to office space in the Confederation Building, a Member may have office space in the Member’s constituency. A request had been submitted to the Speaker to have permission to establish an office in a constituency other than the Member’s constituency. The Commission recognized there are circumstances that warrant approval for such requests and approved the following draft amendment at the November 28, 2007 meeting:

- (5.1) Notwithstanding paragraph (5)(a), the Speaker may, upon the written request of a member, approve the locating of that member's constituency office space within a constituency that is not a constituency of that member provided that the requested office space is located in a constituency that is adjacent to the member's constituency.

As this rule amendment is not changing the levels of reimbursement, the amending process of subsection 15(5) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* does not apply. Rules Amendments are not effective until published in the NL Gazette. The new subsection 20(5.1) came into force on Friday, February 22, 2008.

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