

**97T. Disqualification for unauthorized political expenditure**

- (1) If an officer of an organization is convicted of an offence against section 97S(2), the industrial magistrate's court may, on the application of the Registrar, order —
  - (a) that the officer's office becomes vacant when the order is made; and
  - (b) that, from the time when the order is made, the officer is disqualified from holding or acting in any office in the organization during such period of not more than 3 years as is specified in the order.
- (2) The industrial magistrate's court may include in an order under subsection (1) any provision that it considers necessary to ensure the operation of the order and to provide for the election or appointment of a person to replace the officer whose office becomes vacant under the order.
- (3) A person who performs or attempts to perform the functions of an office in the organization while disqualified by an order under subsection (1) from holding or acting in the office commits an offence punishable by the Supreme Court as for a contempt.

*[Section 97T inserted by No. 3 of 1997 s.17.]*