

No. , 1926.

A BILL

To abolish the Legislative Council; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

[MR. WILLIS;—20 *January*, 1926.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Constitution (Amendment) Act, 1926." Short title.

2. (1) The Legislative Council of New South Wales is abolished. Abolition of the Legislative Council.

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(2) The seat of every Member of the said Legislative Council shall, from and after the commencement of this Act, be vacant; and the office of Member of the said Legislative Council is abolished.

(3) All offices constituted or created in or in connection with the said Legislative Council are abolished. 5

(4) Any reference in any Act, ordinance, rule, regulation, instrument, or writing whatsoever to the Legislature or to the Parliament or to both Houses of Parliament or to each House of Parliament or to either House of Parliament or other reference which if this Act had not been passed would be deemed to include a reference to the Legislative Council, shall be construed to refer only to His Majesty the King with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales or only to the said Legislative Assembly as the context may require. 15

3. The Constitution Act, 1902, is amended as follows:— 20

Amendment
of Act No. 32,
1902.

Sec. 1.

(a) By omitting from section one in the heading of Part III the words "Legislative Council and"; and by omitting from the same section the words and symbols "Division 2.—Special provisions relating to the Legislative Council, ss. 16-22"; 25

Sec. 3.

(b) by omitting from section three the words "Legislative Council and";

Sec. 5.

(c) by omitting from section five the words "Provided that all bills for appropriating any part of the public revenue, or for imposing any new rate, tax, or impost, shall originate in the Legislative Assembly"; 30

Sec. 7.

(d) by omitting section seven;

Part III.

(e) by omitting from the heading to Part III the words "Legislative Council and"; 35

Sec. 10.

(f) by omitting from section ten the words "Council and" wherever occurring;

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- (g) by omitting from section eleven the words Sec. 11.
"Council and" wherever occurring ;
- (h) (i) by omitting from section twelve the words Sec. 12.
"either of the Legislative Council or" ;
- 5 (ii) by omitting from the same section the
words " Council and " wherever occurring ;
- (iii) by omitting from the same section the
word " respectively " ;
- (i) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section Sec. 13 (1)(2).
10 thirteen the words " summoned or " and
also the words " Legislative Council or " ;
- (ii) by omitting from subsection two of the
15 same section the words " Council or," also
the words " Legislative Council or," also
the words " as the case may require " ;
- (j) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section Sec. 14 (1)(2).
fourteen the words " Legislative Council
20 or," also the words " summoned to the
said Council or," also the words " summons
or," also the words " Council and," also
the words " as the case may require " ;
- (ii) by omitting from subsection two of the
same section the words " Council or " ;
- (k) by omitting section fifteen and by inserting New sec. 15.
25 the following section in lieu thereof :—
15. (1) The Legislative Assembly shall, as Standing
rules and
orders.
there may be occasion, prepare and adopt
standing rules and orders regulating—
- (a) the orderly conduct of such Assembly ;
- 30 (b) the manner in which such Assembly
shall be presided over in case of the
absence of the Speaker ;
- (c) the manner in which notices of bills,
35 resolutions, and other business intended
to be submitted to such Assembly at
any session thereof may be published
for general information ;
- (d)

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- (d) the proper passing, entitling, and numbering of the bills to be introduced into and passed by the said Assembly; and
- (e) the proper presentation of the same to the Governor for His Majesty's assent. 5-
- (2) Such rules and orders shall by such Assembly be laid before the Governor, and being by him approved shall become binding and of force; 10-
- Secs. 16-22, inclusive. (l) by omitting sections sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, and twenty-two; also by omitting the short heading preceding section sixteen;
- Sec. 25. (m) by omitting section twenty-five. 15-