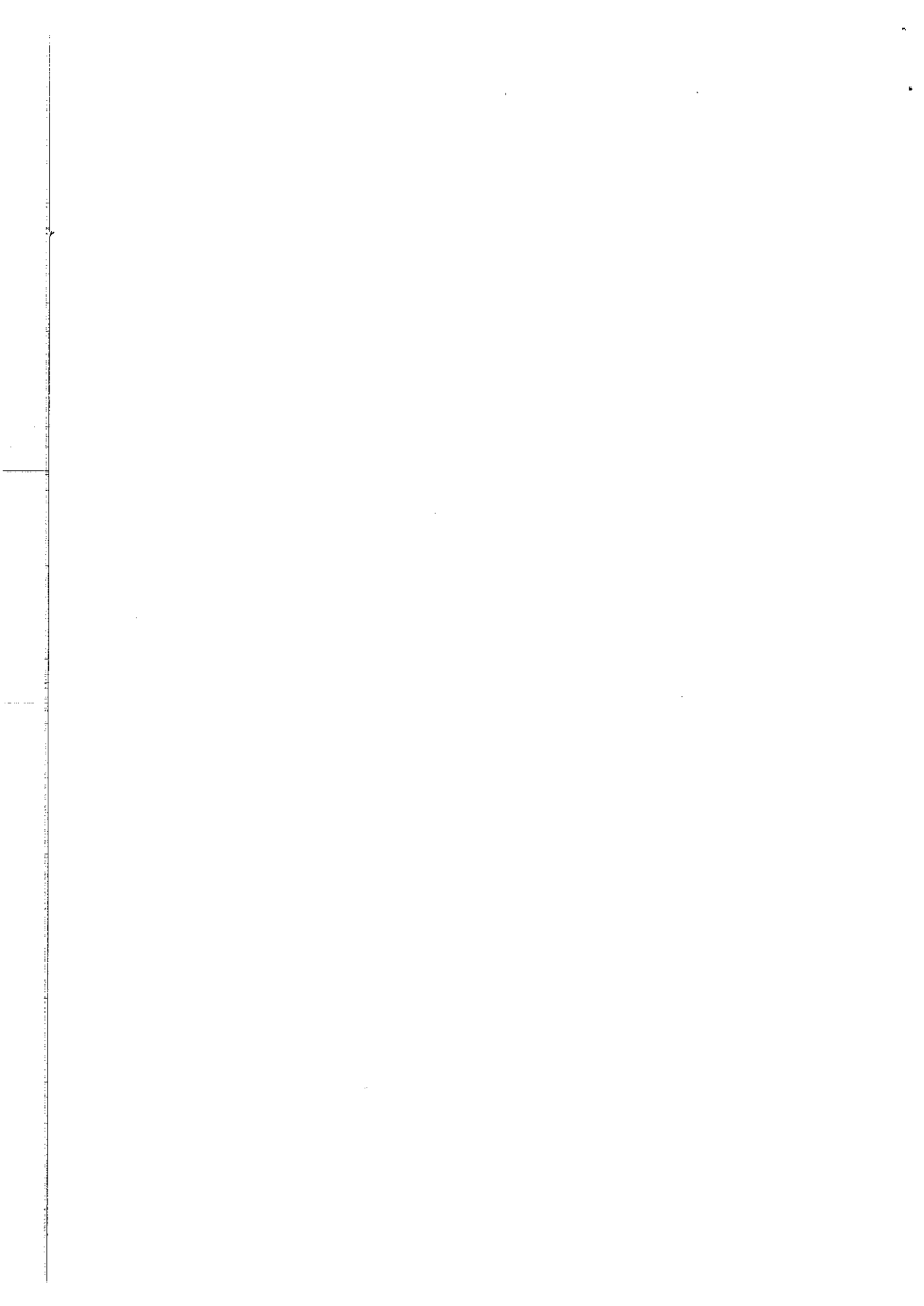




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Entitled

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION ON ELECTORAL ELIGIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS**

ENACTED BY THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS.

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1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Constitution (Amendment) (Candidacy Disqualification) Act 2023*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day appointed by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.

3 Section 49 amended

Section 49 is amended:

- (a) at the end of subsection 1(f), omit “or”; and
- (b) at the end of subsection (1)(g), replace the full stop with a semicolon and add “or”; and
- (c) insert a new subsection (1)(h):

“(h) is also a candidate for election as a member of a Provincial Assembly or of the Honiara City Council where the election of members of Parliament, members of Provincial Assemblies and members of the Honiara City Council are conducted at the same time.”

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

OBJECT

The object of the *Constitution (Amendment) (Candidacy Disqualification) Bill 2023* is to disqualify a candidate running for elections for Parliament to also run as a candidate for the Provincial Assemblies elections or the Honiara City Council elections, where the elections are conducted at the same time. The Bill facilitates the holding of simultaneous elections for the National Parliament, the Provincial Assemblies and the Honiara City Council.

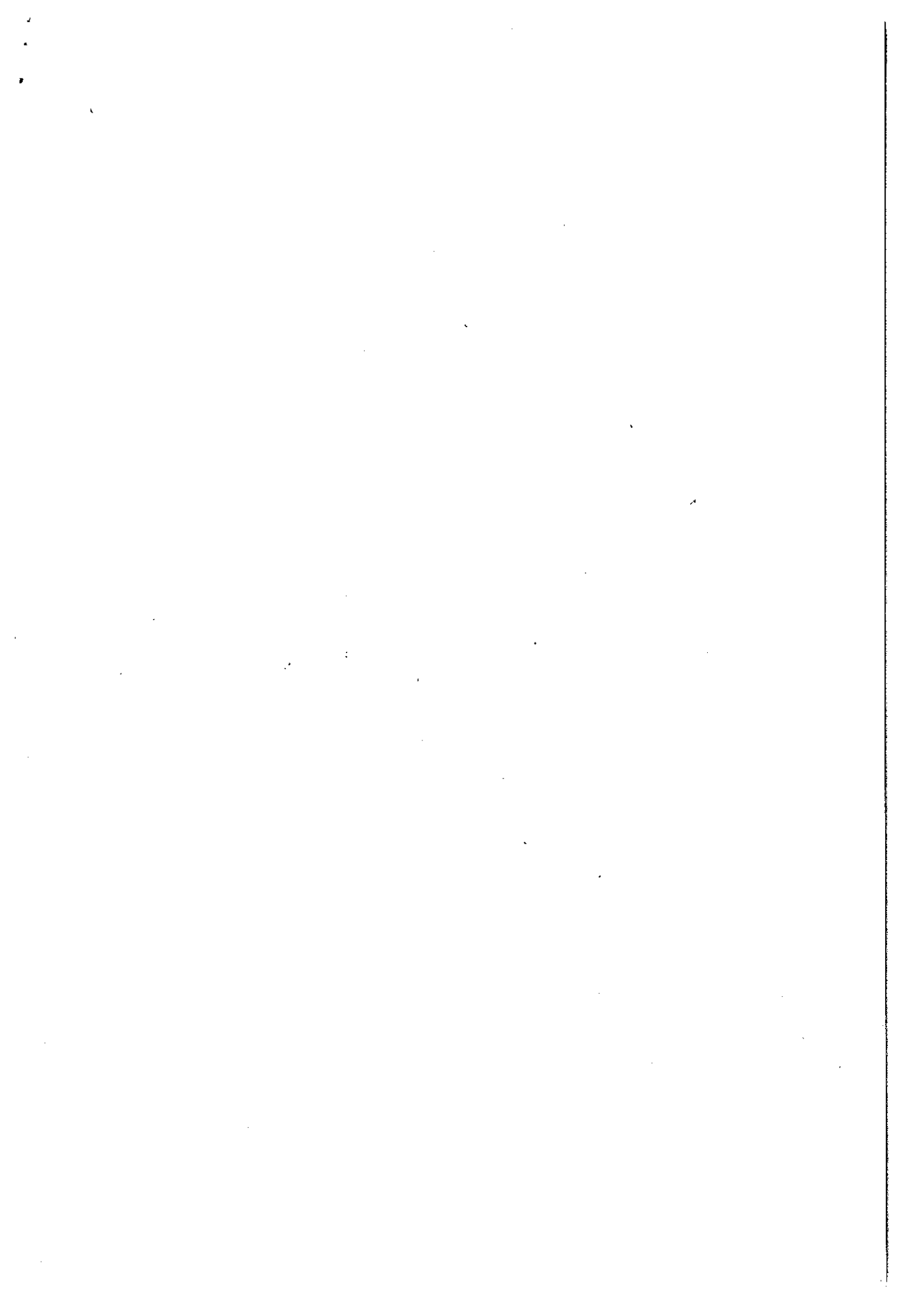
CONTENT

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the Act by enabling the Minister to appoint the date for the Act to commence by notice published in the *Gazette*.

Clause 3 amends section 49 of the Constitution to add in a further ground for disqualification for membership, where a person cannot run as a candidate for Parliament and also run as a candidate for the Provincial Assembly elections, or Honiara City Council elections, where the 3 elections are conducted simultaneously.

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