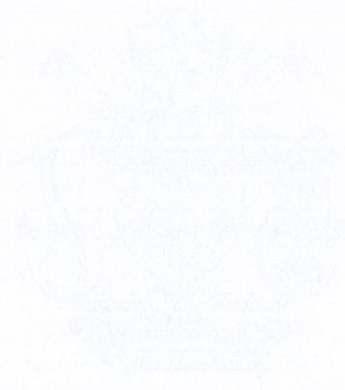




**PRESCRIPTION OF JUDGES (HIGH COURT)
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2023**

(NO. 8 OF 2023)



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EXAMINATION (PART II)

(NO. 8 OF 2005)



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BILL

Entitled

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTION OF JUDGES (HIGH COURT) ACT,
(CAP. 90), TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCREASE OF THE NUMBER OF PUISNE
JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT.**

ENACTED BY THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS.

PREScription OF JUDGES (HIGH COURT) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2023

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PRESCRIPTION OF JUDGES (HIGH COURT) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2023

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Prescription of Judges (High Court) (Amendment) Act 2023*.

2 Commencement

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

3 Amendment of Prescription of Judges (High Court) Act (Cap. 90)

This Act amends the *Prescription of Judges (High Court) Act* (Cap. 90) ("**Principal Act**").

4 Section 2 amended

Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the word "seven" and substituting therefor the words "twenty-one".

PREScription OF JUDGES (HIGH COURT) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2023

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

OBJECTS

The Prescription of Judges (High Court) (Amendment) Bill 2023 is designed to amend the *Prescription of Judges (High Court) Act*, (Cap. 90) to enable the Judiciary, as a critical arm of a democratic society to effectively carry out its judicial services, especially given the demands and challenges of a modern society.

The Bill does this by increasing the maximum number of Puisne Judges at any one time from seven to twenty-one.

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 a date for the Act to commence by notice published in the *Gazette*.

Clause 3 provides that the Bill amends the *Prescription of Judges (High Court) Act*, (Cap. 90), which Act is referred to as the Principal Act in the Bill.

Clause 4 provides that the Bill amends section 2 of the Principal Act, by increasing the maximum number of judges from 7 to 21.

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