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THE ISLANDERS DIVORCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998  
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FROM: Attorney General's Chambers *Janet / 30/3/98*

TO: Minister *[Signature]*  
(for signing Objects & Reasons, Notice of Presentation and covering letter to Clerk)

TO: Minister of Finance  
(for signing of letter to Clerk signifying Cabinet approval under s.60 of Constitution)

TO: Clerk to National Parliament  
(for certificate by Speaker) *[Signature]*

TO: Attorney General's Chambers  
(for printing) *[Signature] 7/5/98*

TO: Clerk to National Parliament  
(for reference during 1st, 2nd and 3rd Readings)  
(Date passed... *9.2.98* ~~Act No. 1/98...~~)

TO: Attorney General's Chambers  
(for checking before Assent) *[Signature] 7/5/98*

TO: Governor-General  
(for Assent) *[Signature] 8/05/98*



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(AMENDMENT) ACT 1998  
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*Passed by the National Parliament this ninth day of April 1998.  
This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the  
Bill passed by Parliament and found by me to be a true and correct  
copy of the said Bill.*

*Elizabeth Andresen*  
Elizabeth Andresen  
Acting Clerk to National Parliament

*Assented to in Her Majesty's name and on Her Majesty's behalf this  
eighth day of May 1998.*

*Moses Puibangara Pitakaka*  
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Governor-General

AN ACT To Amend the Islanders Divorce Act Cap 48.

ENACTED by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands.

1. This Act may be cited as the Islanders Divorce (Amendment) Act, 1998.

Short title.

2. Section 5 of the Islanders Divorce Act (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") is hereby amended in the following respects -

Amendment of section 5 of cap.48.

- (a) by renumbering paragraph (d) as paragraph (e) thereof; and
- (b) by inserting immediately before the paragraph so renumbered the following as paragraph (d) -
  - " (d) has lived apart from the petitioner for a continuous period of at least five years immediately preceding the presentation of the petition; or"

3. Subsection (2) of section 8 of the principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects -

Amendment of section 8.

- (a) by renumbering paragraph (iii) as paragraph (iv) thereof; and
- (b) by inserting immediately before the paragraph so renumbered the following as paragraph (iii) -
  - " (iii) where the ground of the petition is the ground of living apart for a continuous period of at least five years, referred to in section 5(1)(d), that the marriage has broken down irretrievably; and"