

CHAPTER 116

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT

To provide for the form and commencement of Acts of Parliament, for the procedure following the passing of Bills and for other purposes connected therewith.

PART 1 – FORM OF ACTS AND BILLS

1. Acts and Bills

This Act shall apply with respect to the form of Acts of Parliament and the form of Bills shall correspond therewith.

2. Title

- (1) Every Act shall bear at its head a short title which shall include its number and the year in which it is enacted.
- (2) The short title shall be followed by a long title describing the main provisions of the Act.
- (3) Every Act may be cited by its short title and number without a statement to that effect in the Act.

3. Words of enactment

[OMITTED]

PART 2 – PROCEDURE FOLLOWING PASSING OF BILLS

4. Preparation

- (1) As soon as a Bill has been passed by Parliament the Clerk of Parliament shall cause the text of the Bill as passed to be printed in 4 copies on paper or other material of enduring quality.
- (2) The Clerk shall –
 - (a) cause to be made in the copies such corrections of misprints, typographical errors and wrong references as may be necessary;
 - (b) carefully compare the copies with the text of the Bill as passed; and if he finds them to be correct –
 - (c) sign on each copy a statement in the form set out in Schedule 2; and
 - (d) cause the copies to be presented to the President for assent.

5. The assent

- (1) The President shall show that he assents to a Bill by signing on each copy prepared in accordance with section 4 a statement to that effect in the form set out in Schedule 3.
- (2) A Bill shall become an Act of Parliament on the signing by the President of the assent on the first of the copies.

6. Numbering

[OMITTED]

7. Original copies

- (1) Whenever the foregoing procedure purports to have been followed in relation to an Act, the assented copies shall be the original copies of the Act, and shall be conclusive evidence of the terms of the Act, its number and the date of assent.
- (2) One of the original copies shall be retained by the Speaker who shall cause 1 each of the remainder to be deposited with the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice and the Attorney General.

8. Publication

Every Act shall be published as soon as practicable after the President's assent with –

- (a) the omission of the statements contained in the original copies by virtue of the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of this Act;
- (b) a statement of the date on which the President's assent was signified, and the date of commencement contained in the margin thereof.

9. Published copies to be evidence

- (1) Every Act shall be a public Act.
- (2) A copy of any Act other than an original purported to have been printed on behalf of or published by or under the authority of the Government shall be *prima facie* evidence of the terms of the Act, its number and the date of assent.

PART 3 – COMMENCEMENT**10. Commencement**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, commencement of an Act shall be such date as is provided in or under the Act, or where no date is so provided, the date of its publication as notified in the Gazette.
- (2) Every Act of Parliament shall come into force immediately on the expiration of the date next preceding its commencement.
- (3) A provision in an Act regulating the coming into force of an Act or any part thereof shall have effect notwithstanding that the part of the Act containing the provision has not come into operation.
- (4) Where an Act is made with retrospective effect the commencement of the Act shall be the date from which it is given or considered to be given such effect.
- (5) The provisions of subsection (4) shall not apply to an Act until there is notification in the Gazette as to the date of its publication and until such date is specified the Act shall be without effect.

PART 4 – MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY**11. Amendment and repeal**

An Act passed in any session of Parliament may be amended or repealed at any time including the same session.

12. Reprints and revised editions

[OMITTED]

13. Certification of special votes and referendums

[OMITTED]

SCHEDULE 1

(Section 3(1))

[OMITTED]

SCHEDULE 2

(Section 4(2))

[OMITTED]

SCHEDULE 3

(Section 5(1))

STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S ASSENT

I hereby assent.

Signed _____
President

Date of Assent: