



WESTERN SAMOA

Analysis

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1976, No. 25

AN ACT to amend the Magistrates' Courts Act 1969.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:—

[17 December 1976]

1. Short title and commencement—(1) This Act may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act 1976, and shall be read together with and be deemed to be part of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1969* (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act).

(2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of January 1977

2. Qualifications of permanent Magistrates—Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“(3A) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a person may be appointed a Magistrate if he holds the office of Registrar of the Supreme Court, and has held that office for a period of, or for any periods amounting in the aggregate to, not less than 15 years”.

3. Qualifications of Acting Magistrates—Section 10 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (2), and substituting the following subsections:

*1969, No. 2

- "(2) No person shall be appointed a Magistrate under this section unless —
- "(a) He possesses the qualifications specified in subsection (3) of section 5 of this Act for appointment as a Magistrate under that section; or
- "(b) He holds the office of Registrar of the Supreme Court, and has held that office for a period of, or for any periods amounting in the aggregate to, not less than 10 years.
- "(3) No person shall be precluded from appointment as a Magistrate under this section by reason only of the fact that he has attained the age of 62 years".
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BY AUTHORITY

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