

# Legislative Council Abolition Act 1950

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## An Act to abolish the Legislative Council

### **1 Short Title and commencement**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Legislative Council Abolition Act 1950.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of January 1951.

### **2 Abolition of Legislative Council**

- (1) The Legislative Council of New Zealand is hereby abolished, and section 32 of the New Zealand Constitution Act 1852 is hereby accordingly amended by omitting the words “a Legislative Council”.
- (2) The office of member of the Legislative Council and all offices constituted or created therein or in connection therewith are hereby abolished.
- (3) All references in any enactment to the General Assembly or to the Parliament or to the Legislature shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be read as references to the General

Assembly consisting of the Governor-General and the House of Representatives.

- (4) All references in any enactment to the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, or to both Houses of Parliament or of the Legislature or of the General Assembly, or to each House of Parliament or of the Legislature or of the General Assembly, or to either House of Parliament or of the Legislature or of the General Assembly shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be read as references to the House of Representatives.
- (5) The reference to the Clerk of the Legislative Council in paragraph (g) of section 270 of the Legislature Act 1908, and the reference to the Clerk of Parliaments in section 10 of the Acts Interpretation Act 1924, and all other references in any enactment to the Clerk of the Legislative Council or to the Clerk of Parliaments shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be read as references to the Clerk of the House of Representatives.
- (6) The enactments specified in the Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed.
- (7) It is hereby declared that no action, claim, or demand whatsoever shall lie in favour of any person or be made by any person against the Crown, or any Minister of the Crown, or any other person for or in respect of any damage, loss, or injury sustained or alleged to have been sustained by reason of the passing of this Act.

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## Schedule

Section 2(6)

### Enactments repealed

- 1908, No 101—The Legislature Act 1908: Division I (sections 2 to 11). (1931 Reprint, Vol VI, p 447.)
- 1913, No 36—The Legislature Amendment Act 1913. (1931 Reprint, Vol VI, p 467.)
- 1914, No 59—The Legislative Council Act 1914. (1931 Reprint, Vol VI, p 583.)

- 1914, No 65—The Legislature Amendment Act 1914 (No 2) (1931 Reprint, Vol VI, p 468.)
- 1918, No 15—The Legislative Council Amendment Act 1918. (1931 Reprint, Vol VI, p 607.)
- 1920, No 31—The Civil List Act 1920: Paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 7(2); paragraph (d) of section 18; subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 22; and so much of sections 16(1), 17(1), 18(a) and (c), 21, and 22(1) (as substituted by section 9(1) of the Finance Act (No 2) 1946), as relates to the Legislative Council. (1931 Reprint, Vol I, pp 1023, *et seq.*)
- 1920, No 32—The Legislative Council Amendment Act 1920. (1931 Reprint, Vol VI, p 608.)
- 1920, No 82—The Legislature Amendment Act 1920. (1931 Reprint, Vol VI, p 469.)
- 1941, No 26—The Statutes Amendment Act 1941: Section 40.
- 1943, No 15—The Finance Act (No 3) 1943: Subsection (1) of section 5.
- 1948, No 15—The British Nationality and New Zealand Citizenship Act 1948: So much of Schedule 3 as relates to the Legislature Act 1908.