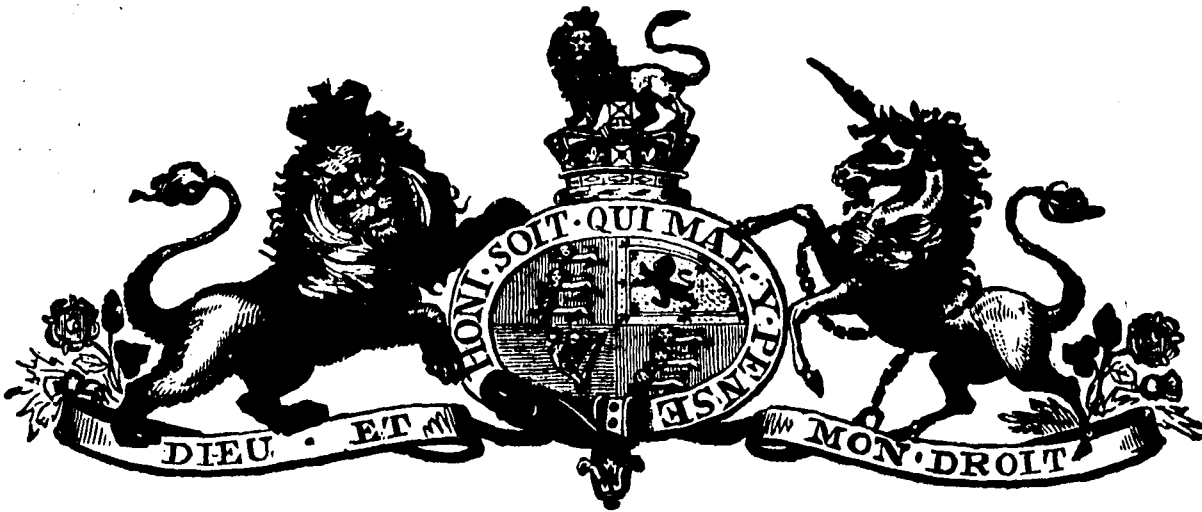


VICTORIA.



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No. 2075.

An Act to abolish the Separate Representation in Parliament of Public Officers and Railways Officers.

[Reserved 9th August, 1906. Royal Assent proclaimed 26th January, 1907.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):—

1. This Act may be cited as *The Constitution Act 1906*, and shall be read and construed as one with *The Constitution Act 1903*, and shall come into force at the expiration or dissolution of the Legislative Assembly whichever shall first occur.

Short title construction and commencement. No. 1864.

2. The sections of *The Constitution Act 1903* mentioned in the Schedule to this Act to the extent to which the same are in the said Schedule expressed to be repealed or amended shall be repealed or amended accordingly.

Amendments of No. 1864. Schedule.

3. On 1680.

Seats of Members
elected by officers
abolished.

3. On and after the day on which this Act shall come into force—

- (a) the seat in the Legislative Council of the Member who is a representative of and elected by public officers and railways officers, and
- (b) the seat in the Legislative Assembly of the Member who is a representative of and elected by public officers, and
- (c) the seats in the Legislative Assembly of the two Members who are representatives of and elected by railways officers

shall be abolished and the persons elected thereto shall no longer be Members of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly representing public officers and railways officers or public officers or railways officers as the case may be.

Officers in the Public
Service not to take
part in politics.

4. (1) In order that all officers may be enabled to render loyal and efficient service to the State it is hereby enacted that no person or class of persons employed in any capacity (whether permanently or temporarily) in the Public Service (including the Railway Service the Police Force the State Rivers and Water Supply Department and the Lunacy Department) shall either directly or indirectly take any part whatsoever in or in relation to elections of Members of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly or directly or indirectly in any way take part in the political affairs of the State of Victoria otherwise than by recording a vote at a Parliamentary election; and no person or class of persons so employed shall directly or indirectly use or attempt to use any influence in respect to any matter affecting the remuneration or position in the Public Service of either himself or any other person.

(2) If any person so employed is guilty of any contravention of this section, then on proof thereof to the satisfaction of the Public Service Commissioner, the Commissioners of Railways, the Chief Commissioner of Police, or the State Rivers and Water Supply Commissioners, or the Inspector-General of Insane (as the case may be) such person may by the said authority be fined any sum not exceeding Ten pounds and may be reduced in class subdivision grade or status and salary or he may be dismissed or his services may be dispensed with, provided that such person shall not be dismissed or have his services dispensed with for any contravention of this section without the consent of the Governor in Council.

(3) This section shall apply to every person employed as aforesaid notwithstanding that he may not be subject to the Public Service Acts or the Railways Acts or the Police Regulation Acts, or Part I. of the *Lunacy Act 1903*.

(4) This section shall not apply to officers in the service of Parliament but the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the President of the Legislative Council the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the Joint Library Committee respectively may make regulations applying to such officers in relation to the matters referred to herein.

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Section 2.

Number of section of <i>The Constitution Act 1903</i> .	Repeal or Amendment.
In section four	The definitions of "Public officer," "Public officers," "Railways officer," and "Railways officers," are hereby repealed.
In section ten	The words "thirty-five members of whom" are hereby repealed; after "thirty-four members" the word "who" shall be inserted; and the words "and one member shall be a representative of and elected by public officers and railways officers as hereinafter provided" are hereby repealed.
In section eleven	The words "and the public officers and railways officers shall return one member to the Council" are hereby repealed.
In section twenty	The words "sixty-eight members of whom" are hereby repealed; after "sixty-five members" the word "who" shall be inserted; and the words "and one member shall be a representative of and elected by public officers as hereinafter provided and subject as aforesaid two members shall be representatives of and elected by railways officers as hereinafter provided" are hereby repealed.
In section twenty-two	The words "and the public officers" and all words to the end of the section are hereby repealed.
Sections twenty-one, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, and thirty-two	} Are hereby repealed.
In section thirty-five	
	Paragraphs "(b)" and "(c)" are hereby repealed.

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