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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR DUAL  
CITIZENSHIP**

**ENACTED BY THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS.**

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## 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Constitution (Amendment) (Dual Citizenship) Act 2017*.

## 2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day appointed by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.

## 3 Amendment of Constitution

The Constitution is amended by repealing section 23.

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### **OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The object of this Bill is remove the Constitutional prohibition on dual citizenship. This will facilitate the return and reintegration of Solomon Islander citizens by birth or ancestry who lost their citizenship by reason of marriage, forced labour or naturalisation in another nation. It will also allow naturalised Solomon Islands citizens to regain or retain their birth nationality. The policy to allow citizenship of more than one country is an exponentially growing trend in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It provides social, economic, family, employment and study opportunities by providing ease of movement between country of origin and country of residence for eligible persons.

**HON. MANASSEH SOGAVARE  
PRIME MINISTER**

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

**Section 1** provides for the short title of the Act.

**Section 2** provides for the commencement of the Act. The Act commences on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

**Section 3** repeals section 23 of the Constitution. Section 23 prevents a Solomon Islands citizen from holding dual citizenship by specifying that a Solomon Islands citizen who is a national of another country ceases to be a Solomon Islands citizen unless he or she renounces nationality of the other country.

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