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BILL

Entitled

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION TO SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF SECTION 73(3) UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2023, TO DISSOLVE THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT ON 31 DECEMBER 2023, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ENACTED BY THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS.

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1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Constitution (Amendment) Act 2022*.

2 Commencement

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

3 Amendment of Constitution

This Act alters the Constitution under section 61(5)(b)(iii) and (iv) of the Constitution.

4 Operation of section 73(3) suspended

The operation of section 73(3) of the Constitution is suspended.

5 Dissolution of eleventh Parliament

On 31 December 2023, the eleventh Parliament ends and stands dissolved.

6 Termination of suspension of operation of section 73(3)

Immediately after the dissolution of the eleventh Parliament, the suspension of section 73(3) of the Constitution terminates and section 73(3) of the Constitution has effect again.

7 Expiry of Act

This Act expires on 1 January 2024.

Note:

A provision of this Act that is expressed to take effect on a particular day takes effect from the beginning of that day.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

OBJECT

The purpose of the *Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2022* is to defer the National General Election of the twelfth Parliament until after the Pacific Games 2023 hosted by Solomon Islands.

This Bill alters the Constitution under section 61(5)(b)(iii) and (iv) of the Constitution to suspend the operation of section 73(3) of the Constitution and dissolve the eleventh Parliament on 31 December 2023.

Immediately after the dissolution of the eleventh Parliament, the suspension of the operation of section 73(3) terminates and section 73(3) has effect again.

CONTENT

Clause 1 specifies the title of the Act being enacted.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the Act.

Clause 3 specifies that the Bill alters the Constitution under section 61(5)(b)(iii) and (iv) of the Constitution.

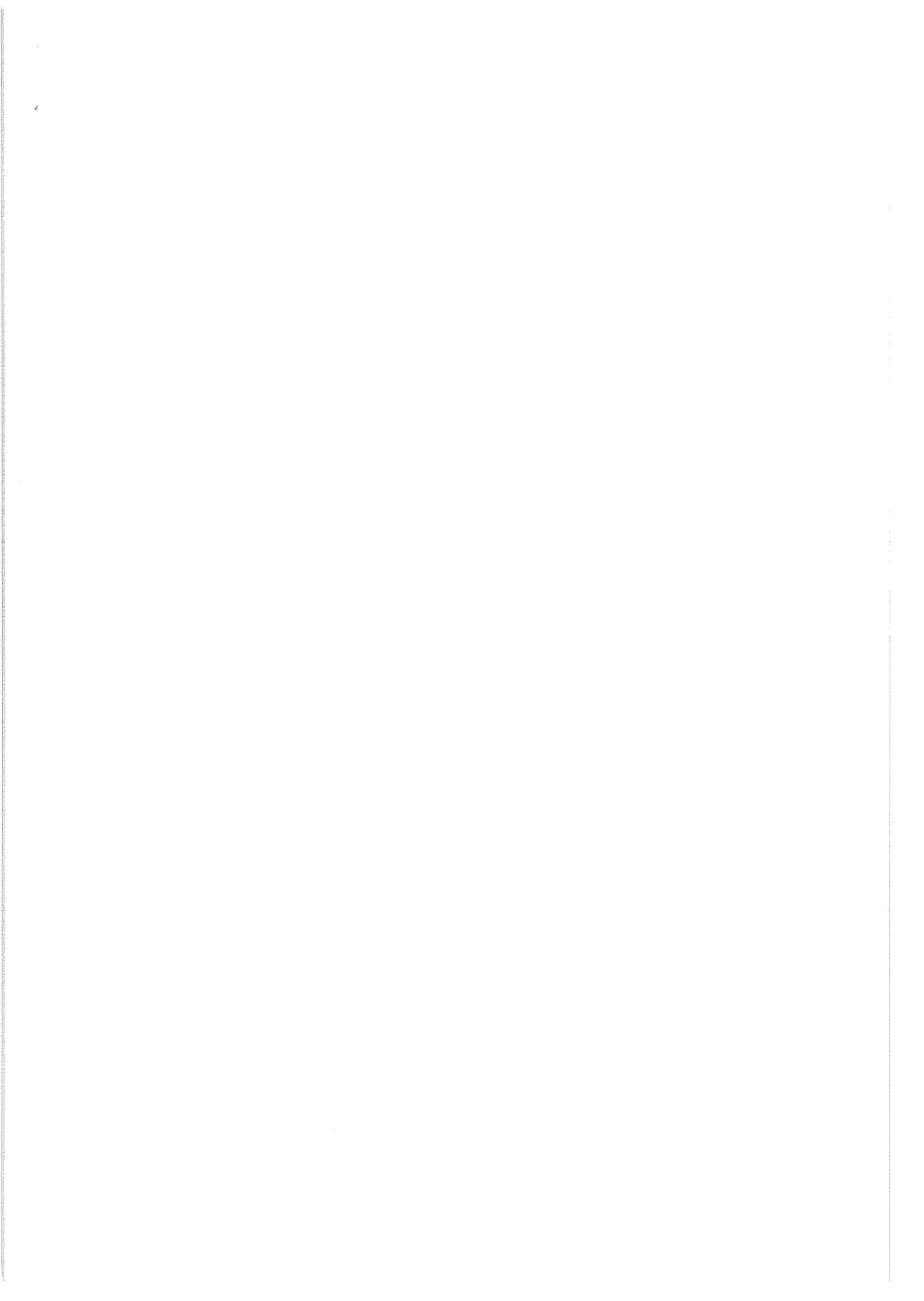
Clause 4 suspends the operation of section 73(3) of the Constitution.

Clause 5 dissolves the eleventh Parliament on 31 December 2023.

Clause 6 terminates the suspension of the operation of section 73(3) under clause 4 immediately after the dissolution of the eleventh Parliament. On the termination taking effect, section 73(3) has effect again.

Clause 7 provides that the Act will expire on 1 January 2024.

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