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1994-95, No. 32

An Act to amend the Crown Law Office Act by setting out special conditions of employment which relate to employees in that office

(9 June 1995)

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Cook Islands in Session assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. Short Title and commencement - (1) This Act may be cited as the Crown Law Office Amendment Act 1994-95 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Crown Law Office Act 1980 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").

(2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st July 1995.

2. Private practice prohibited - The principal Act is amended, by repealing section 12, and substituting the following new section -

"12. Conditions of employment - In the interests of maintaining the integrity and independence of the Crown Law Office, the following shall be deemed to be conditions of employment for persons employed in the Crown Law Office -

- (a) The Solicitor-General, and Crown Counsel shall not engage in private practice in the Cook Islands as barristers or solicitors, whether for fee or reward or otherwise, during any term of employment;
- (b) The Solicitor-General, Crown Counsel, and other employees of the Crown Law Office shall, before becoming candidates at any election for members of Parliament, resign from such employment."

3. Transitional - Every contract of employment affecting any person to whom section 2 applies shall, as from the date of coming into force of this Act, be deemed to include the conditions of employment set out in paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 12 as inserted by section 2 of this Act.

This Act is administered by the Crown Law Office