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THE VACANT TITLES ORDINANCE, 1921.

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An Ordinance

made by the Administrator of the Territory of Western Samoa with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that Territory, and in pursuance of the Samoa Constitution Order, 1920.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Vacant Titles Ordinance, 1921."
2. The Administrator may from time to time by Tulafono published in the Samoan language direct:

The manner in which appointments shall be made to Samoan titles which are vacant;

The persons by whom such appointments may be made;

The procedure to be adopted in regard to objections and the settlement of disputes regarding such appointments;

The fees payable on the lodging of objections to such appointments;

And the conditions under which a saofa'i (ceremony of appointment) may be held in connection with such appointments, and may in like manner vary or amend any such direction.

3. When by any such tulafono it is directed that a saofa'i having once been held in regard to a title, no further saofa'i shall be held in regard to the same title without the consent of the Secretary for Native Affairs, any person who holds or is concerned in holding or is present at a saofa'i held in breach of such direction shall be guilty of an offence and punishable on conviction by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

4. When by any such Tulafono it is directed that the Secretary of Native Affairs in Upolu or the Resident Commissioner in Savaii shall have power to order that any disputed title remain in abeyance until a petition to the Land and Titles Commissioner is filed, any person who uses or is concerned in using a title concerning which the Secretary for Native Affairs or the Resident Commissioner has so ordered in breach of such order shall be guilty of an offence and punishable on conviction by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

5. The law (Tulafono) dated 20th August, 1919, in reference to vacant titles is hereby repealed.

Assented to this 1st day of
April, 1921.

[L.S.] R. W. TATE,

Administrator,