Version
as at 13 November 2025

Legislative Council Abolition Act 1950

Public Act	1950 No 3
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Commencement	see section 1(2)

Legislative Council Abolition Act 1950: repealed, on 13 November 2025, by section 52(a) of the Parliament (Repeals and Amendments) Act 2025 (2025 No 63).

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An Act to abolish the Legislative Council

1 Short Title and commencement

(1) This Act may be cited as the Legislative Council Abolition Act 1950.

(2) This Act shall come into force on 1 January 1951.

Note

The Parliamentary Counsel Office has made editorial and format changes to this version using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019.

Note 4 at the end of this version provides a list of the amendments included in it.

This Act administered by the Parliamentary Service.

2 Abolition of Legislative Council

(1) The Legislative Council of New Zealand is hereby abolished, and section 32 of the New Zealand Constitution Act 1852 is hereby accordingly amended by omitting the words “a Legislative Council”.

(2) The office of member of the Legislative Council and all offices constituted or created therein or in connection therewith are hereby abolished.

(3) All references in any enactment to the General Assembly or to the Parliament or to the Legislature shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be read as references to the General Assembly consisting of the Governor-General and the House of Representatives.

(4) All references in any enactment to the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, or to both Houses of Parliament or of the Legislature or of the General Assembly, or to each House of Parliament or of the Legislature or of the General Assembly, or to either House of Parliament or of the Legislature or of the General Assembly shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be read as references to the House of Representatives.

(5) The reference to the Clerk of the Legislative Council in paragraph (g) of section 270 of the Legislature Act 1908, and the reference to the Clerk of Parliaments in section 10 of the Acts Interpretation Act 1924, and all other references in any enactment to the Clerk of the Legislative Council or to the Clerk of Parliaments shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be read as references to the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(6) The enactments specified in the Schedule are hereby repealed.

(7) It is hereby declared that no action, claim, or demand whatsoever shall lie in favour of any person or be made by any person against the Crown, or any Minister of the Crown, or any other person for or in respect of any damage, loss, or injury sustained or alleged to have been sustained by reason of the passing of this Act.

Schedule
Enactments repealed

British Nationality and New Zealand Citizenship Act 1948 (1948 No 15)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Civil List Act 1920 (1920 No 31) (Reprint of Statutes, Vol I, pp 1023, et seq)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Finance Act (No 3) 1943 (1943 No 15)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Legislature Act 1908 (1908 No 101) (Reprint of Statutes, Vol VI, p 447)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Legislature Amendment Act 1913 (1913 No 36) (Reprint of Statutes, Vol VI, p 467)

Legislature Amendment Act 1914 (No 2) (1914 No 65) (Reprint of Statutes, Vol VI, p 468)

Legislature Amendment Act 1920 (1920 No 82) (Reprint of Statutes, Vol VI, p 469)

Legislative Council Act 1914 (1914 No 59) (Reprint of Statutes, Vol VI, p 583)

Legislative Council Amendment Act 1918 (1918 No 15) (Reprint of Statutes, Vol VI, p 607)

Legislative Council Amendment Act 1920 (1920 No 32) (Reprint of Statutes, Vol VI, p 608)

Statutes Amendment Act 1941 (1941 No 26)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Notes

1 General

This is a consolidation of the Legislative Council Abolition Act 1950 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

2 Legal status

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

3 Editorial and format changes

The Parliamentary Counsel Office makes editorial and format changes to consolidations using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019. See also PCO editorial conventions for consolidations.

4 Amendments incorporated in this consolidation

Parliament (Repeals and Amendments) Act 2025 (2025 No 63): section 52(a)

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