

**Constitution
Amendment
2003/16
(No. 27)**



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2003, No. 16

An Act to amend the Constitution and to provide for the dissolution of Parliament upon the expiration of 4 years from the date of the last preceding general election
(10 September 2003)

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Cook Islands in Session assembled, by the authority of the same, and in accordance with Article 37(7) of the Constitution of the Cook Islands, as follows:

1. Short Title and commencement – (1) This Act may be cited as the Constitution Amendment (No. 27) Act 2003 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Constitution of the Cook Islands (herein referred to as “the Constitution”).

(2) This Act shall come into force on the date that it is assented to by the Queen’s Representative.

2. Prorogation and dissolution of Parliament – The Constitution is amended by repealing subclause (5) of Article 37, and substituting the following subclause:

“(5) The Queen’s Representative shall dissolve Parliament at the expiration of 4 years from the date of the last preceding general election if Parliament has not sooner been dissolved.”