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**ACTS OF PARLIAMENT ACT, 1960(1)**

**AN ACT to provide for the form and commencement of Acts of Parliament, for the procedure**

**following the passing of Bills and for other matters connected with Acts and Bills.**

*Forms of Acts and Bills*

**1. Acts and Bills**

Sections 2, 3 and 4 shall apply with respect to the form of Acts of Parliament, and the form of Bills shall correspond with those forms.

**2. Title**

An Act shall bear at the head a short title immediately followed by a long title describing the provisions of the Act.

**3. Words of enactment**

The provisions of an Act shall be prefaced by the following words of enactment, which shall be taken to extend to all sections of the Act and to the Schedules and any other provisions contained in the Act:

*“Enacted by the President and Parliament”.*2(2)

**4. Subdivisions**

An Act which contains more than one enactment shall be divided into sections and if a section contains more than one enactment it shall be divided into subsections.

*Procedure Following Passing of Bills*

**5. Preparation of presentation copies**

(1) As soon as a Bill is passed by Parliament, the text of the Bill as passed shall be sent by the Clerk of Parliament to the Government Printer, who shall print four copies of vellum or on paper of enduring quality and send the copies to the Clerk of Parliament.

(2) On receiving the copies the Clerk

(a) shall carefully compare them with the text of the Bill as passed and if the Clerk finds them to be correct shall sign on each copy a statement in the Form A set out in the Schedule, and

(b) shall present the copies to the President.

(3) Where the Bill was passed in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter Ten of the Constitution, the Clerk shall, before causing the copies to be presented to the President, submit them to the Speaker who, if satisfied that power to pass the Bill is conferred on Parliament in the manner provided in the Constitution, shall sign on each copy a certificate in the Form B set out in the Schedule.

**6. The President's assent**

(1) The President shall act in accordance with the relevant provisions of article 106 of the Constitution and of Chapter Ten of the Constitution by signing on each copy of the Bill prepared in accordance with section 5 a statement to that effect in the Form C set out in the Schedule to this Act, and causing the Presidential Seal to be affixed to the Bill.

(2) *Omitted.*3(3)

(3) *Omitted.*4(4)

## **7. Numbering**

(1) Acts shall be numbered consecutively from the establishment of the Republic in accordance with the order in which they became Acts, and the numbering shall not begin afresh at the commencement of a calendar year, a new Parliament or any other period.

(2) As soon as the President has signed a copy of an Act under section 6, the Clerk shall enter on the copy the number of the Act.

## **8. Original copies**

(1) Where the procedure specified in sections 5, 6 and 7 purports to have been followed in relation to copies of an Act, the copies are, for the purposes of this Act, the original copies of the Act and are conclusive evidence of the terms of the Act, its number and the date of assent.

(2) The President shall retain one of the original copies and shall cause one each of the remainder to be deposited with the Chief Justice, the Speaker and the Archivist.

## **9. Publication**

Every Act shall be published in the *Gazette* in accordance with clause (11) of article 106 of the Constitution as soon as may be after the President's assent has been signified, and shall be so published,

- (a) with the omission of the statements contained in the original copies by virtue of sections 5 and 6, but with the inclusion of a certificate given by the Speaker in accordance with subsection (3) of section 5, and
- (b) with the insertion of a statement of the date on which the President's assent was signified, and the date of the publication.5(5)

## **10. Published copies to be evidence**

A copy of an Act, other than an original copy, purporting to have been printed or published by the Government Printer is prima facie evidence of the terms of the Act, its number and the date of assent.

### *Commencement and Citation*

## **11. Commencement**

(1) Except so far as may be otherwise provided in an Act, the Act comes into operation at the commencement of the day on which it is published in the *Gazette*.6(6)

(2) A provision in an Act regulating the coming into operation of the Act or a part of the Act shall have effect although the part of the Act containing the provision has not come into operation.

## **12. Citation**

The citation of the short title to an Act is sufficient to identify the Act.

### *Miscellaneous and Supplemental*

**13. Amendment or repealed in the same session**

An Act passed in a session of Parliament may be amended or repealed in that session.

**14. Evidence of pre-Republican Acts and Ordinances**

(1) The original copy of an Act of the Constituent Assembly prepared under an order of that Assembly, and an original copy of an Act and Ordinance passed or made after 31st December, 1954, and prepared under the Ordinances Authentication Ordinance (Cap. 2) is conclusive evidence of the terms of the Act or Ordinance and of the particulars relating to the Act or Ordinance entered on it.

(2) A copy of an Act or Ordinance referred to in subsection (1), which is a copy, other than an original copy, purporting to have been printed or published by the Government Printer, is prima facie evidence of the terms of the Act or Ordinance and of the particulars relating to the Act or Ordinance appearing on it.

**15. Commencement of this Act**

*Spent.7(7)*

**16. Repeal**

*Spent.8(8)*

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**Schedule  
FORMS**

**FORM A  
FORM OF AUTHENTICATION STATEMENT**

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true copy of that Bill.

*Signed .....*

*Clerk of Parliament*

Date of authentication .....

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**FORM B  
FORM OF SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that power to pass this Act has been conferred on Parliament in the manner provided by the relevant provisions of the Constitution.

Signed .....

*Speaker*

Date of certificate .....

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FORM C  
FORM OF STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S ASSENT

I hereby signify my assent to this Bill.

Signed .....

*President*

Date of assent .....

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## Endnotes

### 1 (Popup - Footnote)

1. Passed on the 29th June, 1960. Its Preamble reads,  
“WHEREAS by section 2 of the Constituent Assembly and Plebiscite Act, 1960 (No. 1) this Constituent Assembly is authorised to enact such provisions for or in connection with the establishment of a new Constitution as it thinks fit;  
AND WHEREAS it is expedient to enact the provisions hereinafter appearing in consequence of the enactment of [the Constitution](#);  
NOW THEREFORE be it enacted by the Constituent Assembly as follows:”

### 2 (Popup - Footnote)

2. Revised to take account of the 1992 Constitution. The enacting formula still stands for all Acts passed by Parliament since [clauses \(10\) and \(13\) of article 106](#) and [clause \(4\) of article 291](#) and [article 292 of the Constitution](#) are mandatory provisions which require the President to assent to the relevant Bills.

### 3 (Popup - Footnote)

3. As inappropriate having regard to the relevant provisions of [articles 106](#) and Chapter Ten of [the Constitution](#),

### 4 (Popup - Footnote)

4. See note 3. The subsections read:  
“(2) Where assent is given to a part only of a Bill the Clerk shall make in each copy of the Bill so prepared such deletions, and such amendments of figures, punctuation and grammar, as may be necessary for the purpose of the conversion of that part of the Bill into an Act; and the Bill shall thereafter be deemed to have been passed as so altered.  
(3) A Bill or, as the case may be, a part thereof shall become an Act of Parliament on the signature by the President of the first of the said copies.”

### 5 (Popup - Footnote)

5. This is consequent on [clause \(11\) of article 106 of the Constitution](#).

### 6 (Popup - Footnote)

6. This is in compliance with [clause \(11\) of article 106 of the Constitution](#).

### 7 (Popup - Footnote)

7. The section provided for the commencement of this Act at the same time as the 1960 Constitution, that is the 1st day of July, 1960.

### 8 (Popup - Footnote)

8. The section provided for the repeal of the Ordinances Authentication Ordinance (Cap. 2).