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THE  
CONSTITUTION  
ACT  
AMENDMENT  
ACT OF 1934.

**An Act to Amend the Constitution of Queensland by Providing that a Legislative Council (or other similar Legislative Body) shall not be Restored, Constituted, or Established, and that the Duration of the Legislative Assembly (as now by Law provided) shall not be Extended unless or until a Referendum of the Electors of the State of Queensland shall so approve, in either case; and for other purposes.**

[RESERVED : HIS MAJESTY'S ASSENT PROCLAIMED  
13TH APRIL, 1934.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS, a Bill intituled "The Constitution Act Amendment Bill of 1921" was, during the Session of the Parliament holden in the Year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, passed by the Legislature of Queensland, and which Bill was, pursuant to the provisions of the \**Australian States Constitution Act* 1907 reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure :

7 Edw. VII.,  
c. 7.

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\* 7 Edw. VII, c. 7; Statutes; Vol V., page 4550.

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And whereas the Assent of His Majesty (whom God may long preserve!) to the said Bill was proclaimed in the Twelfth Year of His Majesty's Reign on the Twenty-third day of March, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and on the Bill becoming an Act by virtue of such Assent, such Act was intituled \**"The Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1922,"* and was numbered No. 32 of such Twelfth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and which Act is and forms part of the Constitution of Queensland: <sup>12 Geo. V. No. 32.</sup>

And whereas, pursuant to such Act, the Legislative Council was abolished:

And whereas the Parliament of Queensland (or, as sometimes called, the Legislature of Queensland), has since the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two been constituted by His Majesty the King and the Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and is so presently constituted:

And whereas it is desirable that no other legislative body (whether called the "Legislative Council," or by any other name or designation, in addition to the Legislative Assembly) should be restored, and/or constituted, and/or established, except subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth:

And whereas, pursuant to an Act of the Parliament of Queensland called †*"The Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1890"* (which was passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria and numbered No. 3), it is provided that every Legislative Assembly hereafter (*i.e.*, after the Twenty-ninth day of September, One thousand eight hundred and ninety—being the date of the Assent of such Act), to be summoned and chosen shall continue for three years from the day appointed for the return of the writs for choosing the same, and no longer (subject, nevertheless, to be sooner dissolved by the Governor), and which Act is and forms part of the Constitution of Queensland:

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\* 12 Geo. V. No. 32 *supra*, page 10409.

† 54 Vic. No. 3, *supra*, page 10403.

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And whereas it is also desirable that the provisions of \**"The Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1890,"* hereinbefore referred to, or any other Act or law of the Constitution, shall not be amended in the direction of extending the said period of time—namely, three years—for the duration of the present Legislative Assembly or any Legislative Assembly to be hereafter summoned and chosen, except subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth—

Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

Short title  
and  
construc-  
tion.

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1934,*" and shall be read and construed with and as an amendment of the Constitution of Queensland.

Interpre-  
tation.  
Constitution  
of  
Queensland.

2. In this Act the term "Constitution of Queensland" means and includes the Order in Council of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria dated the Sixth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, referred to in the preamble to the †*"Constitution Act of 1867"* and the †*"Constitution Act of 1867,"* and each and every Act amending, altering, or repealing or purporting to amend, alter, or repeal any of the provisions of the abovementioned Order in Council and Act, or either of them.

Parliament  
not to be  
altered in  
the  
direction of  
re-establish-  
ing the  
Legislative  
Council or  
other body  
except in  
accordance  
with this  
section.

3. (1.) The Parliament of Queensland (or, as sometimes called, the Legislature of Queensland), constituted by His Majesty the King and the Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled shall not be altered in the direction of providing for the restoration and/or constitution and/or establishment of another legislative body (whether called the "Legislative Council," or by any other name or designation, in addition to the Legislative Assembly) except in the manner provided in this section.

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\* 54 Vic. No. 3, *supra*, page 10403.

† 31 Vic. No. 38, *supra*, page 10381.

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(2.) A Bill for any purpose within subsection one of this section shall not be presented to the Governor for the reservation thereof for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, or for the Governor's Assent, or be in any other way assented to, until the Bill has been approved by the electors in accordance with this section.

(3.) On a day not sooner than two months after the passage of the Bill through the Legislative Assembly, the question for the approval or otherwise of the Bill shall be submitted to the electors qualified to vote for the election of members of the Legislative Assembly according to the provisions of \**"The Elections Acts, 1915 to 1932,"* or any Act amending the same or in substitution therefor.

Such day shall be appointed by the Governor in Council.

(4.) When the Bill is submitted to the electors the vote shall be taken in such manner as the Legislature prescribes.

(5.) If a majority of the electors voting approve the Bill, it shall be presented to the Governor for the reservation thereof for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure.

(6.) The provisions of this section shall extend to any Bill for the repeal or amendment of this section.

4. (1.) The provisions of section two of †*"The Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1890"* (referred to in the preamble to this Act) shall not be amended in the direction of extending the period of three years, which, as provided by the said section two, is the period for which any Legislative Assembly, now or hereafter summoned and chosen, shall continue from the day appointed for the return of the writs for choosing the same and no longer (subject, nevertheless, to be sooner dissolved by the Governor), nor shall any other Act or law relating to the Constitution be passed extending such period of three years as aforesaid, except in the manner provided by this section.

Duration of Legislative Assembly not to be extended except in accordance with this section.

\* 6 Geo. V. No. 13 and amending Acts, *supra*, pages 6779 *et seq.*

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