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2008

A Bill

for

An Act to amend the Criminal Code to provide for the offence of giving false evidence before Parliament and to make a particular consequential amendment to the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*

[s 1]

The Parliament of Queensland enacts— 1

Part 1 Preliminary 2

Clause 1 Short title 3
This Act may be cited as the *Criminal Code (Truth in* 4
Parliament) Amendment Act 2008. 5

Part 2 Amendment of Criminal Code 6

Clause 2 Code amended in pt 2 7
This part amends the Criminal Code. 8

Clause 3 Insertion of new s 57 9
After section 56B— 10
insert— 11

‘57 False evidence before Parliament 12

‘(1) A person who, during an examination before the Legislative 13
Assembly or a committee of the Legislative Assembly, 14
knowingly gives a false answer to a lawful and relevant 15
question put to the person during the examination commits a 16
crime. 17

Maximum penalty—7 years imprisonment. 18

‘(2) The offender can not be arrested without warrant. 19

‘(3) A person can not be convicted of the offence defined in this 20
section on the uncorroborated testimony of 1 witness.’. 21

Part 3	Amendment of Parliament of Queensland Act 2001	1 2
Clause 4	Act amended in pt 3	3
	This part amends the <i>Parliament of Queensland Act 2001</i> .	4
Clause 5	Amendment of s 47 (Other proceedings)	5
	Section 47—	6
	<i>insert—</i>	7
	‘(3) However, if a person’s conduct is both a contempt of the Assembly and an offence against the Criminal Code, section 57, the person may only be proceeded against for the offence.	8 9 10
	<i>Note—</i>	11
	Criminal Code, section 57 (False evidence before Parliament)’.	12