

THE GILBERT ISLANDS (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1977

At the Court at Buckingham Palace

THE 26th DAY OF JULY 1977

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL

Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Gilbert Islands (Amendment) Order 1977 and shall be construed as one with the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Order in Council 1915(a), the Gilbert Islands Order 1975(b), and the Gilbert Islands (Amendment) Order 1976(c).

(2) This Order shall be published in the Gilbert Islands by exhibition at the Public Office of the Governor and printed in the Gazette as soon as may be after the date of such publication and, subject to the provisions of this section, shall come into operation on such day (in this Order referred to as "the appointed day") as the Governor, acting in his discretion, by notice published and printed in like manner respectively, shall appoint.

(3) The provisions of section 3 of this Order shall come into operation on such day as may be prescribed by resolution of the House of Assembly, which day shall not be earlier than the dissolution of the House next following the appointed day.

(4) The provisions of section 4 of this Order shall come into operation on such day as may be prescribed by resolution of the House of Assembly, which day shall not be earlier than the dissolution of the House next following the appointed day.

(2) Section 33(2) of the Constitution is amended—

(a) by substituting for paragraph (a) the following—

“(a) at such time after a general election as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Governor, acting in his discretion;”;

(b) in paragraph (f), by substituting for the words “the provisions of Part 1 of Annex 1 to” the words “regulations made under section 31(a) of”.

(3) Section 34(1) of the Constitution is amended by substituting for the words “the provisions of Part 2 of Annex 1 to” the words “regulations made under section 31(a) of”.

(4) Annex 1 to the Constitution is revoked.

4.—(1) Section 44(a) of the Constitution is amended by substituting for the word “twenty-one” the word “thirty-six”.

(2) Section 63 of the Constitution is amended by substituting for the word “twelve” wherever it appears the word “nineteen”.

(3) Paragraphs 7 and 8 of Part 1 of Annex 1 to the Constitution are amended by substituting for the word “eleven” wherever it appears the word “nineteen”.

5. Notwithstanding that section 4 of this Order has not come into operation, provision may be made by or in pursuance of any law made under section 52 of the Constitution for giving effect or enabling effect to be given to the provisions of the Constitution relating to the election of the elected members of the House of Assembly as they will have effect when the said section 4 comes into operation.