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Passed by the National Parliament this fifth day of April 1988.

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

M. Tuhaika
 M. Tuhaika
 Clerk to the National Parliament

Assented to in Her Majesty's name and on Her Majesty's behalf this twenty-eighth day of April 1988.

B. Devesi
 B. Devesi
 Governor-General

Date of Commencement: see section 1.

AN ACT to confer power on the Minister of the Public Service to make rules in respect of the administration of the public service; to require the Public Service Commission to produce annual reports; and for other matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

ENACTED by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section:

1. Short title and commencement.
2. Interpretation.
3. Power to re-organise the public service.
4. Power to make rules.
5. Public Service Commission to produce annual reports.

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Service Act 1988 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by notice published in the Gazette.

Short title
and commence-
ment.

2. In the Act, the expression -

“Commission” means the Public Service Commission established under section 115 of the Constitution;

Interpre-
tation.

“employee” means an employee of the Government other than a public officer;

“Government property” means building, plant and machinery, stamps, securities and stores belonging to the Government; and

“Minister” means the Minister for the time being responsible for the Public Service.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the Minister may, where he is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to do so, after consulting the Commission, cause all or any of the following acts to be done -

Power to
re-organise
the public
service.

(a) create new divisions within the public service or abolish or amalgamate any existing divisions within the public service;

(b) develop new schemes of service within the public service or abolish, amend or amalgamate any existing scheme of service within the public service;

(c) inquire into or review the administration of all or any of the departments within the public service and, where appropriate, make changes to the system or practice of administration of the department or departments, as the case may be; and

(d) approve and review postings of public officers to provinces.

4. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the Minister, after consulting the Commission, may make rules -

Power to
make rules.

(a) prescribing the terms and conditions of service of, including the grading of posts held by, public officers and employees of the Government;

(b) prohibiting conduct in which a person may engage while he is a public officer or an employee of the Government;

(c) for the training of public officers and employees of the Government;

(d) for the allocation to or use, care and custody of Government property by public officers and employees of the Government;

- (e) for the performance of public duties by public officers and employees of the Government; and
- (f) generally, for the proper organisation and efficient conduct of the business of the Government by public officers and employees of the Government.

(2) Any public officer who contravenes any rule made under paragraphs (b), (d), (e) and (f) of subsection (1) shall be guilty of misconduct for the purposes of the Public Service Commission Regulations 1979.

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of 1979.

Public Service
Commission
to produce
annual reports.

5. (1) The Commission shall, within four months after the end of every year, make and deliver to the Minister a report in respect of the performance of its functions under the Constitution.

(2) As soon as possible after the receipt of a report under subsection (1), the Minister shall lay a copy of the report before Parliament.