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AN ACT to amend the Law Officers Regulation No. 25 of 1980.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Parliament as follows:-

AMENDMENT OF REGULATION No. 25 OF 1980

1. The Law Officers Regulation No. 9 of 1980 is amended as follows:-

- (a) By the substitution throughout the regulation of
 - (1) the words "Solicitor General" for the words "Deputy Attorney General";
 - (2) the words "Legal Officer" for the words "State Counsel";
- (b) In section 1 by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following-

"The Attorney-General shall exercise such functions and perform such duties as may from time be conferred upon him by law."
- (c) In section 2 by repealing subsections (2) and (3) and substituting the following-
 - (1) "(2) No person shall be qualified to hold or to act in the office of Attorney-General unless he is admitted to practice in Vanuatu as a legal practitioner."
 - (2) "(3) Subject to subsection (4) the Solicitor General and Legal Officers shall be appointed by the Judicial Service Commission."
- (d) In section 2(4) and (5)(2) by substituting "Attorney-General" for "Prime minister" and "Minister responsible for Justice" respectively.

- (e) In section 7 by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following-

"(2) Any functions authorised or required by any enactment to be discharged by the Attorney-General may be discharged by the Solicitor General, if -

- (a) the Office of the Attorney-General is vacant; or
- (b) the Attorney-General is unable to act owing to absence or illness; or
- (c) the Attorney-General authorises the Solicitor General to act in any particular case."

"(3) During any period when the office of Attorney-General is vacant, any certificate, petition, direction, notice, proceeding or other document, matter or thing whatsoever authorised or required by any enactment to be given, delivered, served, taken or done to, on or against the Attorney-General, may be given, delivered, served, taken or done to, on or against the Solicitor General.

- (f) By the addition of the following section after section 7:

"Minister's power to make regulations

8 The Minister responsible for Justice, on the advice of the Judicial Service Commission may make regulations generally for the better carrying out of this Regulation and for the internal organisation of the Attorney General's Chambers."

COMMENCEMENT

2. This Act shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Gazette.