

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

No. , 1929.

A BILL

To provide for a Joint Select Committee of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly to be called the House Committee.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of
5 the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Parliament (House Short title.
Committee) Act, 1929."

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Parliament (House Committee).

Interpreta-
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2. In this Act unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires—

- “ Assembly ” means Legislative Assembly of New South Wales ;
- “ Committee ” means Joint Select Committee to be called the “ House Committee ” constituted under this Act ; 5
- “ Council ” means Legislative Council of New South Wales ;
- “ Parliament ” means the Parliament of New South Wales ; 10
- “ prescribed ” means prescribed by this Act or by regulations made thereunder ;
- “ President ” means President of the Council ;
- “ Speaker ” means Speaker of the Assembly 15

Application
of Act.

3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as in any way derogating from the powers and authorities of either House of Parliament or of the President or Speaker under or by virtue of any Standing Order for the time being in force. 20

House
Committee.

4. (1) There shall be a Joint Select Committee of the Council and of the Assembly to be called the House Committee.

(2) The Committee shall consist of the President and the Speaker for the time being in office, and ten other members. 25

(3) As soon as practicable after the commencement of this Act, and thereafter as soon as practicable after the commencement of the first session of each succeeding Parliament, the members of the Committee shall be appointed according to the practice of Parliament with reference to the appointment of members to serve on Joint Select Committees of the Council and Assembly. 30

(4) Five of such members shall be members of and be appointed by the Council and five shall be members of and be appointed by the Assembly. 35

(5) Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum ; but no quorum shall consist exclusively of members of the Council or of members of the Assembly. 40

(6) The seat of any appointed member of the Committee shall be deemed to become vacant for any cause for which his seat as a member of the Council or of the Assembly (as the case may be) would become
5 vacant.

(7) When a vacancy occurs in the appointed members of the Committee it shall be filled upon motion in the usual manner, provided that the equal representation on the Committee of members of the
10 Council and of the Assembly shall be obtained in the filling of such vacancy.

(8) The Committee may elect one of the members thereof to be chairman, and the chairman shall have a deliberative but not a casting vote.

15 (9) Upon the appointment of the first Committee the Refreshment Room Committees of the Council and Assembly shall cease to exist.

5. (1) The Committee shall have the management and control of the Parliamentary refreshment rooms, committee rooms, billiard rooms, tennis lawn, bowling
20 green, gardens, kitchen and laundry, balconies, engine rooms, entrances and exits of Parliament House, and other services and parts of the Parliamentary establishment common to members of both Houses, with the
25 exception of the suites set apart for the President, the Speaker, the rooms set apart for the Chairmen of Committees, the Ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, the Whips, the Library and its staff, the Hansard staff and quarters, and the Public Works Committee
30 rooms and staff.

Powers and duties of the Committee.

(2) The Committee shall have the control of such members of the staff employed at Parliament House employed in connection with the matters and services which by subsection one of this section are committed
35 to the Committee, such control to include the power to make appointments and dismissals and to perform such other acts as the Committee may think desirable in the interests of the Parliament, provided that no appointment or dismissal shall be made save with the approval of the
40 Premier.

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Tenure of Committee.

6. The Committee shall hold office as such and may exercise all the powers conferred upon it by any Act or otherwise for the Parliament in which it is appointed, and upon the dissolution or expiry of a Parliament the duties and powers of the Committee may be exercised and performed by the President, the Speaker, the chairman of the Committee and the secretary of the Committee, or any three of them until the Committee is appointed in the next Parliament. 5

Secretary.

7. The Committee appointed in each Parliament may, on its appointment, appoint one of the officers of Parliament to be the secretary of the Committee at such salary as the Governor may, upon the recommendation of the Committee fix, and such secretary shall be the executive officer of the Committee and perform the directions of the Committee and hold such office until the Committee in the next Parliament appoint a secretary. 10

Subcommittees.

8. The Committee may appoint so many subcommittees as it may deem necessary and may delegate to such subcommittees any of its powers and duties, and may at any time reconstitute or alter any such committee and delegation. 20

Power to sue and be sued.

9. (1) The Committee may, in the name of the secretary for the time being thereof, sue and be sued in any court. 25

(2) The production of a Gazette in which is notified the appointment of a secretary shall be sufficient evidence of his appointment and of his authority to institute proceedings. 30

Regulations.

10. (1) The Governor may, on the recommendation of the Committee, make regulations prescribing any matter or thing necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying this Act into effect.

(2) The regulations may impose a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds for any breach thereof, and may authorise the arrest and forcible removal of any person from any portion of the Parliamentary buildings or grounds subject to the control of the Committee upon the authority and by the direction of the President, the Speaker, or the secretary of the Committee. 35 40

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- (3) The regulations shall—
 - (a) be published in the Gazette ;
 - (b) take effect from the date of publication or from a later date to be specified in the regulations ;
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 - (c) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen sitting days after publication if Parliament is in session, and if not then within
 - 10 fourteen sitting days after the commencement of the next session.

If either House of Parliament passes a resolution of which notice has been given at any time within fifteen sitting days after the regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation or part thereof

15 such regulation or part shall thereupon cease to have effect.
