

LAWS OF THE WEST INDIES

CHAPTER 513

COUNCIL OF STATE (OATHS)

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THE COUNCIL OF STATE (OATHS) ACT, 1958.

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AN ACT to provide for oaths to be taken by members of ^{Act} the Council of State and by officials in attendance ^{5/1958.} thereon.

<i>Date of assent</i>	9th July,	1958
<i>Commencement</i>	9th July,	1958

1. This Act may be cited as the Council of State ^{Short title.} (Oaths) Act, 1958.

2. Every person appointed to be a member of the ^{Member of} Council of State shall before entering upon the functions of ^{Council of} his office make and subscribe before the Governor-General ^{State to} or some other person authorised in that behalf by the ^{take oath} Governor-General, an oath, in the form set out in the First ^{before} Schedule to this Act. ^{entering} ^{in office.}

3. Every person who has been nominated by the ^{Persons} Governor-General under and for the purpose of article 69 ^{nominated} of the Constitution shall before attending any meeting of the ^{under} Council of State pursuant to the provision of that article, ^{article 69} make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some ^{of the} ^{Constitu-} ^{tion to} ^{take oath.}

other person authorised in that behalf by the Governor-General, an oath in the form set out in the Second Schedule to this Act.

Clerk to
the Council
to take
oath.

4. Every officer appointed to perform the functions of clerk to the Council of State shall before entering upon the functions of the office make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some other person authorised in that behalf by the Governor-General, an oath in the form set out in the Third Schedule to this Act.

Affirmation
in lieu of
oath.

5. Every person required by this Act to make and subscribe an oath may in lieu of such oath make and subscribe an affirmation in the form of the appropriate oath set out in either the First, Second or Third Schedule of this Act, in each case substituting the words "solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare" for the word "swear" and omitting the words "So help me God".

Transi-
tional pro-
vision.

6. Any person required by the provisions of this Act to make an oath who has entered upon the functions of his office before the commencement of this Act, shall make and subscribe such oath as soon as may be after the coming into operation of this Act.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 2.

I,having been appointed a member of the Council of State of The West Indies, do swear that I will, to the best of my judgment, at all times when thereto required, freely give my counsel and advice to the Governor-General or officer administering the government of The West Indies for the time being, for the good management of the public affairs thereof; that except with the authority of His Excellency the Governor-General, I will not directly or indirectly reveal the business or proceedings of the Council of State or the nature or contents of any document communicated to me as a member of the Council or any matter coming to my knowledge in my capacity as a member of the Council, and that in all things I will be a true and faithful Councillor.

So help me God.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 3.

I,having been nominated by the Governor-General under and for the purposes of article 69 of the Constitution do swear that I will, in exercising the rights thereby conferred to attend any meeting of Her Majesty's Council of State of The West Indies and to take part in discussions thereat, at all times when thereto required, freely and to the best of my judgment give my advice to the Governor-General or officer administering the government of The West Indies for the time being, for the good management of the public affairs thereof; that except with the authority of His Excellency the Governor-General, I will not directly or indirectly reveal the business or proceedings of the Council of State or the nature or contents of any document communicated to me by virtue of the rights conferred on me under the said article or any matter coming to my knowledge by virtue of the rights conferred on me under the said article and that in all things I will be a true and faithful Adviser.

So help me God.

THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 4.

I,having been appointed to perform the functions of clerk to Her Majesty's Council of State of The West Indies, do swear that except with the authority of His Excellency the Governor-General, I will not directly or indirectly reveal the business or proceedings of the Council or the nature or contents of any documents communicated to me as clerk to the Council or any matter coming to my knowledge in my capacity as clerk to the Council.

So help me God.