



ANALYSIS

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1. Short Title	2. Parliamentary Counsel Office
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1973, No. 102

**An Act to amend the Statutes Drafting and Compilation
Act 1920** *[21 November 1973]*

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Statutes Drafting and Compilation Amendment Act 1973, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Statutes Drafting and Compilation Act 1920 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Parliamentary Counsel Office—(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the Title, and substituting the following Title:

**“An Act to provide for the establishment of a Parliamentary
Counsel Office, and for the appointment of a Chief
Parliamentary Counsel, a Compiler of Statutes, and
other officers”.**

(2) The principal Act is hereby further amended—

(a) By omitting from sections 2 and 3 and subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 6 the words “Law Drafting Office” wherever they occur, and substituting in each case the words “Parliamentary Counsel Office”:

(b) By omitting from subsections (2) and (3) of section 4 the words "Law Draftsman", and substituting in each case the words "Chief Parliamentary Counsel":

(c) By repealing subsection (5) of section 6.

(3) Section 6 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing subsection (1), and substituting the following subsection:

"(1) The chief officer of the Bill Drafting Department shall be called the Chief Parliamentary Counsel. There shall be appointed one or more Parliamentary Counsel. The Chief Parliamentary Counsel and the Parliamentary Counsel shall be principal officers of the Parliamentary Counsel Office."

(4) The person holding office at the passing of this Act as Law Draftsman shall be deemed to have been appointed as Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

(5) Every person holding office at the passing of this Act as Assistant Law Draftsman shall be deemed to have been appointed as Parliamentary Counsel.

(6) All other persons who at the passing of this Act are officers of the Law Drafting Office shall be deemed to have been appointed as officers of the Parliamentary Counsel Office.

(7) Unless the context otherwise requires, every reference in any other Act or in any regulation, rule, order, instrument, notice, or other document whatsoever—

(a) To the Law Drafting Office shall, after the passing of this Act, be read as a reference to the Parliamentary Counsel Office:

(b) To the Law Draftsman shall, after the passing of this Act, be read as a reference to the Chief Parliamentary Counsel:

(c) To an Assistant Law Draftsman shall, after the passing of this Act, be read as a reference to a Parliamentary Counsel.