

1966 No. 1596

## PACIFIC ISLANDS

**The British Solomon Islands (Electoral Provisions)  
Order 1966**

*Made - - - - - 21st December 1966*  
*Laid before Parliament 30th December 1966*  
*Coming into Operation 31st December 1966*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 21st day of December 1966

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it is proposed that in due course there shall be established for the British Solomon Islands Protectorate a new Legislative Council (in this Order referred to as "the proposed Legislative Council") comprising fourteen elected members as well as certain other members:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in that behalf by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act 1890(a) or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation,  
commence-  
ment and  
interpre-  
tation.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the British Solomon Islands (Electoral Provisions) Order 1966.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on 31st December 1966.

(3) The provisions of section 2 (Interpretation) of the British Solomon Islands Order 1964(b) shall apply in relation to the provisions of this Order as they apply in relation to the provisions of the said Order of 1964.

Provision  
for election  
of members  
of proposed  
Council.

2.—(1) The High Commissioner may by regulations make provision for the election of the elected members of the proposed Legislative Council, and in particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, may provide for—

- (a) the qualifications and disqualifications of voters;
- (b) the registration of voters;
- (c) the nomination of candidates for election (including the number of persons required to support nominations);
- (d) the ascertainment of the qualifications of voters and of candidates for election;
- (e) the division of the Protectorate into constituencies for the purpose of elections, and the division of such constituencies for any purpose connected with elections;

(a) 1890 c. 37.

(b) S.I. 1964/1572 (1964 III, p. 3524).

- (f) the holding of elections ;
- (g) the establishment, composition and procedure of electoral colleges ;
- (h) the determination of any question whether any person has been validly elected an elected member of the proposed Legislative Council or whether an elected member of the proposed Legislative Council has vacated his seat therein ; and
- (i) the definition and trial of offences connected with elections and the imposition of penalties therefor, including disqualification for membership of the proposed Legislative Council, or for registration as a voter, or for voting at elections, of any person concerned in any such offence.

(2) No election of members to the proposed Legislative Council shall be held under regulations made under this section until provision has been made by Order of Her Majesty in Council for the establishment of that Legislative Council ; but constituencies may be established, registration of voters may take place and all other things necessary or expedient to prepare for such elections may be done in pursuance of such regulations at any time after the commencement of this Order.

(3) Regulations made under this section shall be published by exhibition at the Public Office of the High Commissioner and shall be printed in the Gazette as soon as may be after the date of such publication.

*N. E. Leigh.*

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order empowers the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific to make regulations providing for the election of the elected members of a new Legislative Council for the British Solomon Islands Protectorate which it is proposed should be established in due course.