

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 1831

PACIFIC ISLANDS

The British Solomon Islands (Electoral Provisions) Order 1969

<i>Made</i> - - - -	19th December 1969
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	22nd December 1969
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	23rd December 1969

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of December 1969

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it is proposed that in due course there shall be established a new Constitution for the British Solomon Islands Protectorate making provision for, among other things, a Governing Council (in this Order referred to as "the proposed Governing Council") comprising seventeen 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:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the British Solomon Islands (Electoral Provisions) Order 1969.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on 23rd December 1969.

(3) The provisions of section 2 (Interpretation) of the British Solomon Islands Order 1967(b) shall apply in relation to the provisions of this Order as they apply in relation to the provisions of the said Order of 1967.

2.—(1) The High Commissioner may by regulations make provision for the election of the elected members of the proposed Governing 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;
- (f) the holding of elections;
- (g) the establishment, composition and procedure of electoral colleges;

(a) 1890 c. 37.

(b) S.I. 1967/477 (1967 I, p. 1449).

- (h) the determination of any question whether any person has been validly elected an elected member of the proposed Governing Council or whether an elected member of the proposed Governing 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 Governing 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 Governing 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 Governing 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.

W. G. Agnew

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 Governing Council for the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, which it is proposed should be established in due course.