

LESOTHO BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill deals with the position that has arisen by reason of the fact that on 4 October 1966 Lesotho became an independent sovereign member of the Commonwealth.

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title and commencement. The Act is deemed to have come into force on 4 October 1966.

Clause 2 provides that existing law shall continue to apply as if Her Majesty had not ceased to have sovereignty and jurisdiction in and in respect of Lesotho, unless any such law is altered in the future so as not to apply.

Clause 3: Subclause (1) provides that the Act is to be in force in Niue and in the Tokelau Islands.

Subclause (2) makes the Act a reserved enactment in Niue. The result is that the Niue Island Assembly may not make any Ordinance that is repugnant to the Act.

Right Hon. Mr Holyoake

LESOTHO

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to make provision as to the operation of the law in
relation to Lesotho, and persons and things in any way
belonging to or connected with Lesotho, in view of Lesotho's
5 having become an independent sovereign member of the
Commonwealth

WHEREAS on the fourth day of October, nineteen hundred
and sixty-six, Lesotho became an independent sovereign
member of the Commonwealth: And whereas on that date
10 Her Majesty the Queen ceased to have sovereignty or juris-
diction in and in respect of Lesotho or any part thereof:

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

15 **1. Short Title and commencement**—(1) This Act may be
cited as the Lesotho Act 1967.

(2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on
the fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

2. Existing law to apply as if Lesotho were within Her Majesty's dominions—(1) All existing law—that is to say, all law which, whether it is a rule of law or a provision of an Act of any Parliament or a provision of any other enactment or instrument whatsoever, has come into force or been passed or made before the commencement of this Act—shall, until provision to the contrary is made by the authority having power to alter that law, have the same operation in relation to Lesotho, and to persons and things in any way belonging to or connected with Lesotho, as it would have had if Her Majesty had not ceased to have sovereignty and jurisdiction in and in respect of Lesotho or any part thereof. 5 10

(2) This section extends to law of, or any part of, New Zealand or any of the territories referred to in section 3 of this Act. 15

3. Application of Act to Niue and Tokelau Islands—

(1) This Act shall be in force in the following territories:

- (a) Niue;
- (b) The Tokelau Islands.

(2) The First Schedule to the Niue Act 1966 is hereby amended by adding the following words: 20

“1967, No. 00—

The Lesotho Act 1967

The whole Act.”