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## **Justices of the Peace Amendment Bill 2018**

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**An Act to amend the Justices of the Peace Act 2017.**

**The Parliament of the Cook Islands enacts as follows—**

- 1 Title**  
This Act is the Justice of the Peace Amendment Act 2018.
- 2 Commencement**  
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the assent of the Queen's Representative.
- 3 Principal Act amended**  
This Act amends the Justices of the Peace Act 2017.
- 4 Section 12 amended**  
Section 12(1) is amended by repealing paragraph (d) and substituting the following paragraph:  
“(d) is a Crown servant (as defined in the Constitution), unless authorised under section 12A.”
- 5 New section 12A inserted**  
After section 12, insert the following section:

**“12A Authorisation for certain Crown servants to act as JPs**

- “(1) The Chief Justice may authorise a JP who is a Crown servant to do anything referred to in section 11(1) if the JP meets the requirements of section 11(2).
- “(2) The authorisation must be by notice in writing to the JP, with a copy given to the Registrar.
- “(3) The Registrar must ensure that a JP who is authorised under this section is not summoned under section 15 to attend a sitting of a court if there could be any actual or perceived conflict of interest between the person’s role in court as a JP and his or her position as a Crown servant.”

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This Act is administered by the Ministry of Justice.

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