



ANALYSIS

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1997, No. 2

An Act to amend the Constitution

(19 March 1997)

WHEREAS

The people of the Cook Islands affirm that the Cook Islands is a nation founded on Christian principles, Cook Islands custom, and the rule of law:

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Cook Islands in Session assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. Short Title - This Act may be cited as the Constitution Amendment (No. 20) Act 1997 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Constitution of the Cook Islands as set out in the Second Schedule to the Cook Islands Constitution Amendment Act 1965 of the Parliament of New Zealand, as amended by Acts of Parliament (hereinafter referred to as "the Constitution").

2. Preamble to Constitution - The Constitution is amended by inserting after the words "the Constitution of the Cook Islands" the following preamble:

"PREAMBLE

**IN THE HOLY NAME OF GOD, THE ALMIGHTY,
THE EVERLOVING, AND THE EVERLASTING**

We, the people of the Cook Islands, recognising the heritage of Christian principles, Cook Islands custom, and the rule of law, remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day, being that day of the week which, according to a person's belief and conscience, is the Sabbath of the Lord."