



## ANALYSIS

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| 1. Title    | 2. Term of office of His Excellency Apenera Short O.B.E. |
| Short Title |  |

1997, No. 3.

An Act to amend the Constitution

(19 March 1997)

**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. 21) 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. Term of office of His Excellency Apenera Short O.B.E. - The Constitution is amended by inserting the following clause:

"Term of office of His Excellency Apenera Short O.B.E. - Whereas:

(1) His Excellency Apenera Short O.B.E. has acted as Queen's Representative since 19 December 1990 and Her Majesty the Queen's Commission appointing His Excellency to a further term did not take effect until 11 October 1994, a period of approximately 10 months after the expiry of His Excellency's first term of office.

(2) His Excellency shall be deemed to have been validly appointed as Queen's Representative during the period from 19 December 1993 to 11 October 1994 notwithstanding that His Excellency's second term of office did not begin until 11 October 1994 and will accordingly expire on 11 October 1997.

(3) All official acts carried out by His Excellency during the period from 19 December 1993 to 11 October 1994 shall be as valid and effectual as if His Excellency had been appointed as the Queen's Representative by Her Majesty the Queen during that period."