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This Chapter contains no Subsidiary Legislation.
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AN ACT to provide for the establishment of a Law Reform Commission for reforming the law and for matters connected therewith.

[18th June 1992]

1. This Act may be cited as the –

LAW REFORM COMMISSION ACT.

2. In this Act –

“Commission” means the Law Reform Commission established under section 3;

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for Legal Affairs has been assigned under section 61 of the Constitution.

3. (1) For the purpose of promoting the reform of the law there shall be constituted in accordance with this section a body of Commissioners to be known as the Law Reform Commission consisting of three or more members appointed by the Minister.

(2) The Minister may designate one of the members as Chairman of the Commission.

(3) The persons appointed by the Minister to be Commissioners shall be persons appearing to be suitably qualified by their having held high office in the judicial or legal field or having had experience as Attorneys, Barristers, Solicitors or Teachers of Law in a University or other Institution of higher learning.

(4) A person appointed to be a Commissioner shall be appointed for such term, and on such conditions as may be determined by the Minister at the time of his appointment.

4. (1) It is the function of the Commission to inquire into and consider any matter relating to –

Functions and powers of the Commission.

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(a) reform of the law having regard to the written law, the common law and judicial decisions;

(b) the administration of justice;

(c) judicial and quasi-judicial procedures under any Act or subsidiary legislation; or

(d) any branch of the law referred to it by the Minister.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Commission may, in the exercise of its functions –

(a) receive and consider proposals for changes in the law referred to it by the Minister or recommended by any Law Reform Committee, Association of Lawyers or other learned body;

(b) undertake, in pursuance of any recommendation of the Minister, the formulation of Draft Bills relating to the proposals for reform contained in such recommendation;

(c) undertake, pursuant to any recommendation approved by the Minister, the examination of particular branches of the law and the formulation, by means of Draft Bills or otherwise, of proposals for reform therein;

(d) provide at the instance of the Minister advice and information to Departments and Statutory Authorities concerned with proposals for the amendment or reform of any branch of the law; and

(e) obtain such information in regard to the laws and legal systems of other countries as in the opinion of the Commission is likely to facilitate the performance of any of its functions.

(3) The Law Reform Commission may set up temporary or standing Committees to examine particular branches of the law with a view to making recommendations as to reform, either in the form of proposals, reports or Draft Bills.

(4) The Law Reform Commission shall, from time to time, make a report of its proceedings to the Minister, including an Annual Report.
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