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An Act to amend the Acts Interpretation Act,
1915-1971.

[Assented to 30th November, 1972]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Acts Interpretation Act Amendment Act, 1972". Short titles.

(2) The Acts Interpretation Act, 1915-1971, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Acts Interpretation Act, 1915-1972".

(3) The Acts Interpretation Act, 1915-1971, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

2. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation. Commence-
ment.

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out from the definition of "Australian citizen" the passage "Act of the Commonwealth Parliament entitled the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "*Citizenship Act* 1948-1969 of the Commonwealth as amended from time to time, or any Act of the Commonwealth substituted for that Act";

and

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 4—
Meanings of
certain terms.

(b) by striking out the definition of "British subject".

Enactment of
s. 33c of
principal Act—

4. The following section is enacted and inserted in the Part of the principal Act that is headed "*Special rules of construction*" immediately after section 33b thereof:—

References in
laws of the
State to
British subjects.

33c. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a reference in a law of the State—

(a) to a British subject or to a natural-born or naturalized subject of Her Majesty or to any other similar expression shall be read as a reference to an Australian citizen and to any other person who, under the Commonwealth Act, has the status of a British subject or has the status of a British subject without citizenship;

and

(b) to an alien, shall be read as a reference to a person who is an alien within the meaning of the Commonwealth Act.

(2) Where a rule of law applies to or in relation to, or has effect with respect to—

(a) a British subject, that rule of law applies to or in relation to, or has effect with respect to, an Australian citizen and any other person who, under the Commonwealth Act, has the status of a British subject or has the status of a British subject without citizenship, as if that Australian citizen or other person were a British subject;

or

(b) an alien, that rule of law applies to or in relation to, or has effect with respect to, a person who is an alien within the meaning of the Commonwealth Act.

(3) In this section—

"Commonwealth Act" means the *Citizenship Act* 1948-1969 of the Commonwealth, and includes that Act as amended from time to time and any Commonwealth Act passed in substitution for that Act:

"law of the State" means—

(a) an Act and any other law in force in the State;

(b) an instrument (including regulations) having effect by virtue of such an Act;

and

(c) an instrument having effect by virtue of an instrument to which paragraph (b) of this definition relates.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

M. L. OLIPHANT, Governor