

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS).

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No. 68 of 1962.

AN ACT to amend several Acts affected by the  
*Local Government Act 1962.*

[14 February 1963.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania,  
by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative  
Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled,  
as follows:—

### PART I.

#### PRELIMINARY.

**1**—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Local Government* Short title  
and com-  
mencement.  
*(Consequential Amendments) Act 1962.*

(2) This Act shall commence on the day on which the  
*Local Government Act 1962* commences.

### PART II.

#### AMENDMENT OF THE ACTS INTERPRETATION ACT 1931.

**2** In this Part the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931*, as sub- Citation.  
sequently amended, is referred to as the Principal Act.

**3** Section forty-two of the Principal Act is repealed and  
the following section is substituted therefor:—

“42 In an Act relating to a local authority, unless the con- Terms and  
expressions  
relating to  
local  
authorities.  
trary intention appears—

(a) ‘council’ means the municipal council; and

(b) ‘corporation’ means the municipal corporation,  
of the municipality to which the context relates.”.

**4** Section forty-six of the Principal Act is amended— Definition of  
certain  
common  
phrases.

(a) by omitting the definition of “local authority”  
and substituting therefor the following defini-  
tion:—

“‘local authority’ shall mean the municipal  
corporation exercising jurisdiction in  
the locality to which the context re-  
lates;”; and

(b) by omitting the definition of “municipality” and substituting therefor the following definition:—

“‘municipality’ shall mean a municipality within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1962*;”.

### PART III.

#### AMENDMENT OF THE *AUDIT ACT 1918*.

Citation.

**5** The *Audit Act 1918*, as subsequently amended, is in this Part referred to as the Principal Act.

**6** Section three of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:—

Interpretation.

“3 In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

‘Auditor-General’ means the Auditor-General appointed under this Act and includes a Deputy Auditor-General appointed and acting as provided by this Act;

‘public body’ means—

(a) a local authority; and

(b) the council, board, trust, trustees, or other governing body whatsoever (however designated) of, or for, any corporation, body of persons, institution, district, or place whatsoever, whose accounts are by law made subject to this Act or to examination by the Auditor-General, or who are in receipt of a subsidy or grant-in-aid granted by Parliament subsequently to the sixteenth day of December 1912,

and includes the corporation, if any, of which the public body is the governing body.”.

Treasurer to prepare yearly statements and Auditor-General to counter-sign them.

**7** Section twenty-nine of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (6) the words “local authority (as defined in section thirty-one)” and substituting therefor the words “public body”.

Local authority.

**8** Section thirty-one of the Principal Act is repealed.

**9** Section thirty-two of the Principal Act is amended— Power of Auditor-General.

- (a) by omitting the words “local authorities” and substituting therefor the words “public bodies”; and
- (b) by omitting the words “local authority” and substituting therefor the words “public body”.

**10** Sections thirty-two A and thirty-three of the Principal Act are repealed and the following sections are substituted therefor:—

“32A—(1) A public body shall pay to the Treasurer out of Audit fees. its revenues in respect of the performance by the Auditor-General of his functions under section thirty-two a fee of such amount as may be agreed upon between the Treasurer and—

- (a) in the case of a municipality other than a city, the Municipal Association of Tasmania; and
- (b) in any other case, the public body concerned,

or in default of any such agreement as may be fixed by the Minister by order made on the recommendation of the Auditor-General.

“(2) An order made under subsection (1) of this section is a statutory rule within the meaning of the *Rules Publication Act 1953*.

“(3) The Auditor-General shall send by post to the public body concerned an account of any fee payable by it to the Treasurer under subsection (1) of this section, and in default of the payment thereof within one month, the amount thereof may be recovered as a debt due to His Majesty.

“(4) All fees received by the Treasurer under this section shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue.

“(5) The Governor may make regulations for the purposes which the Governor may deem necessary for giving effect to the provisions of this section.

“33—(1) Subject to any other Act every public body Accounts. shall—

- (a) keep such accounts in such form or manner as the Auditor-General may direct; and
- (b) cause—
  - (i) its accounts for its financial year to be balanced; and

- (ii) full and true statements and accounts of its receipts and expenditure for each year to be prepared and certified; and a copy thereof (with vouchers) to be forwarded to the Auditor-General,

within such time and in such form or manner as the Auditor-General may determine.

“(2) Every public body, and every officer thereof, shall at all times comply with the requirements of the Auditor-General in relation to the accounts of the public body and the audit thereof.”.

Recovery of moneys illegally expended from members of local authority.

**11** Section thirty-four of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following subsection:—

“(1) If it appears to the Auditor-General that any moneys belonging to or administrable by a public body have been unlawfully expended or applied or that any liability has been unlawfully incurred by a public body, the Auditor-General shall surcharge with the amount thereof every member of the public body jointly and severally, and shall notify every such member of the surcharge, and of the time within which it must be satisfied.”;

- (b) by omitting from subsections (3), (4), and (5) the words “local authority” (wherever occurring) and substituting therefor in every case the words “public body”; and

- (c) by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:—

“(6) Where a public body has a council, committee, board or other governing body the decisions of which are effective without reference to or confirmation by the public body itself, the Auditor-General shall under this section surcharge only the members of that governing body.”.

Penalties.

**12** Section thirty-five of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting the words “local authority” (first occurring) and substituting therefor the words “public body”; and

- (b) by omitting the words “such local authority” and substituting therefor the words “the public body liable to surcharging under section thirty-four”.

**13** Regulation 50 of the general regulations set forth in the second schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-regulation (3) the words "local authority" (wherever occurring) and substituting therefor the words "public body". General regulations.

## PART IV.

### AMENDMENT OF THE CROWN LANDS ACT 1935.

**14** In this Part the *Crown Lands Act 1935*, as subsequently amended, is referred to as the Principal Act. Citation.

**15** Section three of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the definitions of "town land" and "township" and substituting therefor the following definition:— Interpretation.

" 'town land' means land situated within—

(a) a city or town; or

(b) an area proclaimed under section four A."

**16** Section four of the Principal Act is repealed and the following sections are substituted therefor:—

"4—(1) Counties as constituted and defined at the commencement of this section are continued as land districts for the purposes of this Act. Land districts and parishes.

"(2) The Governor may by proclamation constitute, abolish, define, re-define, and name parishes for the purposes of this Act.

"(3) A parish for the purposes of this Act shall not include any land within a city or town, and when a city or town is extended the relevant parish boundaries shall be contracted in respect of the area that would otherwise be in both kinds of district by virtue of the instrument effecting the change in the city or town.

"4A—(1) The Governor may for the purposes of this Act by proclamation constitute, abolish, define, and re-define areas of town lands. Sites for towns.

"(2) Areas for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section—

(a) may include lands which are not Crown lands; and

(b) shall be—

- (i) adjacent to a city or town; or
- (ii) intended by the Governor to be sites for towns, villages, or hamlets.

“(3) Areas constituted in accordance with sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of this section may be assigned names in the proclamations constituting them.”.

Certain public highways vested in His Majesty.

**17**—(1) Section one hundred and eighteen A of the Principal Act is repealed from its commencement.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal effected by this section, an action in the nature of trespass *vi et armis* or *ejectione firmæ* shall not lie against a person for anything done in reliance on that section before the commencement of this Act and apparent highways in use at the commencement of this Act shall not be deemed to be illegally created merely because of that repeal.

**18** Section one hundred and twenty-five of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:—

Pounds on Crown lands.

“125—(1) Her Majesty may establish pounds on Crown land and appoint keepers thereof.

“(2) The establishment and abolition of pounds under this section shall be notified by the Commissioner in the *Gazette*.

“(3) The appointment of poundkeepers under this section shall be evidenced by an instrument under the seal of the Commissioner.

“(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section Division XII of Part XVI of the *Local Government Act 1962* is applied to and in respect of pounds under this section as if—

- (a) the Surveyor-General were mentioned instead of the clerk;
- (b) no mention were made of a member of the council; and
- (c) the Commissioner were mentioned instead of the corporation.

“(5) Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section five hundred and sixty-seven and sections five hundred and seventy-seven and five hundred and eighty-two of the *Local Government Act 1962* are excluded from the operation of subsection (4) of this section.

“(6) A bailiff of Crown lands, or any person authorized by the Surveyor-General, may impound any animal taken on Crown land by way of distress for damage done thereon in a pound under this section.

“(7) All fees, charges, and damages paid under this section shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue.

“(8) All moneys received by the Surveyor-General in respect of the sale of an animal under this section shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue and subject to retention of any charges and expenses due and payable under this section in respect of the animal shall be paid on demand to the owner of the animal out of the Consolidated Revenue which to the necessary extent is appropriated accordingly.

“(9) Any act done by a poundkeeper under this section or in respect of a pound or animal impounded under this section which if done by a municipal poundkeeper or in respect of a pound or animal impounded under Division XII of Part XVI of the *Local Government Act 1962* would be an offence against that Act is an offence against this section and subject to the like penalty.”.

#### PART V.

##### AMENDMENT OF THE *SEWERS AND DRAINS ACT 1954*.

**19** In this Part the *Sewers and Drains Act 1954*, as subsequently amended, is referred to as the Principal Act. Citation.

**20** Section two of the Principal Act is amended—

Interpretation.

- (a) by omitting from the definition of “building appeal board” the words “thirty-six of the *Building Act 1937*” and substituting therefor the words “four hundred and fifty-three of the *Local Government Act 1962*”;
- (b) by omitting from the definition of “Building Regulations” the words “the *Building Act 1937*” and substituting therefor the words “Division I of Part XVI of the *Local Government Act 1962*”;
- (c) by omitting the definition of “septic tank” and substituting therefor the following definition:—  
“‘septic tank’ means an installation complying with section five hundred and fifty-eight of the *Local Government Act 1962*;”;
- (d) by omitting from the definition of “statutory undertaker” the words “the Minister administering the *Closer Settlement Act 1929*,”; and
- (e) by omitting from the definition of “treated sewage” the words “approved by the Minister under section thirty-six of the *Public Health Act 1935* and”.

**21** Section three of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (2) the words “Director of Public” and substituting therefor the words “Minister for”. Duty of local authority.

**22** After section twelve of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

“12A A local authority having sewage disposal works may contract—

- (a) to supply dried sewage, sludge, and other products of its works; and

Power to contract.  
Cf. 5 Geo. VI  
No. 23, s. 8  
iv, v.

(b) to take from any person within or without its district refuse, offal, abattoir waste, or other matter for treatment at its works.”.

Right of local authority to recover costs of construction of a system.

**23** Section twenty-nine of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from subsection (1) the words “one hundred and seventy-two of the *Local Government Act 1906*” and substituting therefor the words “two hundred and sixty-four of the *Local Government Act 1962*”;

(b) by omitting subsection (3) and substituting therefor the following subsection:—

“(3) Section one hundred and eighty-six of the *Local Government Act 1962* applies to proceedings under this section as if they were for the making of a separate local rate.”; and

(c) by omitting from subsection (9) the words “under the *Rates and Charges Recovery Act 1936*” and substituting therefor the words “in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1962*”.

Drainage of new buildings.

**24** Section fifty of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (3) the words “under the *Building Act 1937*”.

Houses within districts to have sanitary works.

**25** Section sixty of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following paragraph:—

“(c) a septic tank connected to the water closets.”.

Approval of septic tanks.

**26** Section sixty-two of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting the words “thirty-six of the *Public Health Act 1935*” and substituting therefor the words “five hundred and fifty-eight of the *Local Government Act 1962*”; and

(b) by omitting the word “Director’s” (twice occurring) and substituting therefor in each case the word “Minister’s”.

Works improperly carried out.

**27** Section sixty-four of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (1) the words “*Public Health Act 1935* and the *Building Regulations*” and substituting therefor the words “*Local Government Act 1962*”.

**28** Section seventy-two of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:—

Power of municipality to borrow money by the issue of instalment debentures.

“72—(1) The local authority, if it is a municipality, may subject to this section borrow money by the issue of instalment debentures under section three hundred and four of the *Local Government Act 1962* for the purpose of defraying the cost of works carried out by it under section fifty-one or section sixty-one.

“(2) Sections one hundred and eighty-six and three hundred and six of the *Local Government Act 1962* do not apply to a loan under this section.

“(3) The Auditor-General’s permission is not needed for the issue of debentures under this section but is requisite for a change of form.”.

**29** Section seventy-six of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the numerals “1906” and substituting therefor the numerals “1962”. Power to make a special rate.

**30** Sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section seventy-eight of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the numerals “1906” and “1936” and substituting therefor in either case the numerals “1962”. Power to enter premises.

**31** Subsection (5) of section eighty-six of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the numerals “1906” and substituting therefor the numerals “1962”. By-laws.

**32** Section eighty-seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsections (2) and (3) and substituting therefor the following subsection:— Model by-laws.

“(2) A local authority may adopt a model by-law published under this section as if it were published under section one hundred and ninety-eight of the *Local Government Act 1962*.”.

## PART VI.

### MISCELLANEOUS REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS.

**33** The *Fires Prevention (Metropolis) Act 1774*, so far as it is in force in this State, is repealed. Repeal of the *Fires Prevention (Metropolis) Act 1774*.

**34** Section seventy-three of the *Evidence Act 1910* is amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:— Amendment of the *Evidence Act 1910*.

“(2) Where the Minister has dispensed with publication of a by-law in the *Gazette* under section one hundred and eighty-nine of the *Local Government Act 1962*—

- (a) the notice of dispensation published in the *Gazette* under that section shall be evidence that a by-law with the title and on the subject stated in the notice was duly made and confirmed as required by law and that all things necessary to give it validity have been duly done and that it is in force; and
- (b) a document in agreement with the notice and purporting to be a copy of the by-law and—
  - (i) contained in a book kept under section one hundred and ninety-one of that Act;
  - (ii) certified to be a copy of the by-law under the common seal of the corporation; or
  - (iii) proved to be truly copied from that book, shall be evidence of the words of the by-law.”.

Amendment  
of the  
*Hospitals  
Act 1918.*

**35** Sections seventy-four, seventy-five, and seventy-six of the *Hospitals Act 1918* are repealed.

**36**—(1) Parts IX and X and sections fifty-six, fifty-eight, and fifty-nine of the *Stock Act 1932* are repealed.

(2) After section sixty-one of the *Stock Act 1932* the following section is inserted:—

Power of  
inspector to  
seize stock  
suspected of  
being stolen.  
Cf. 23 Geo. V  
No. 54, s. 49.

“61A If an inspector has reasonable cause of suspicion that any stock which he is inspecting has been stolen, he may seize and detain that stock and he shall forthwith report the seizure and the grounds thereof to a justice residing in the municipality in which the stock is seized, who shall thereupon make such order as the justice of the case may require.”

Amendment  
of the  
*Supreme  
Court Civil  
Procedure  
Act 1932.*

**37** Section eleven of the *Supreme Court Civil Procedure Act 1932* is amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsections:—

“(15) No action or process may be had, maintained, or prosecuted against a person on whose land a fire accidentally begins, and he shall not be required to make recompense for any damage suffered thereby, any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

“(16) Subsection (15) of this section does not affect contracts or agreements made between landlord and tenant.”

Amendment  
of the  
*Drainage  
Act 1934.*

**38** Section twenty-two of the *Drainage Act 1934* is amended—

(a) by omitting from subsection (2) the words “the *State Loans to Local Bodies Act 1929*, and for the purposes of that Act the trust shall be deemed to be a local body” and substituting therefor the words “Part III of the *Statutory Authorities Act 1962*”; and

(b) by omitting subsection (3).

**39** After section nine of the *Prescription Act 1934* the following section is inserted:—

Use of  
window not  
to found  
easement  
of air.

Cf. No. 6344  
Vict., s. 36.

“10—(1) After the commencement of the *Local Government Act 1962* no right to the excess of air to or for any building is capable of coming into existence by reason only of the user or enjoyment of such access for any period or a presumption of a lost grant based on such user or enjoyment.

“(2) This section does not affect the validity of a title to an easement of access of air to a defined aperture on the dominant tenement that rests only on evidence of user or enjoyment before the commencement of that Act.”

Amendment of  
the *Registration  
of Deeds  
Act 1935.*

**40** Section fourteen of the *Registration of Deeds Act 1935* is amended by inserting in subsection (3), after the word “particulars” (second occurring), the words “and that there has been no failure to comply with Division II of Part XVI of the *Local Government Act 1962* with respect to the transaction witnessed by that instrument”.

**41** Part XII of the *Launceston Corporation Act 1941* is repealed.

Amendments  
of the  
*Launceston  
Corporation  
Act 1941.*

**42** The *Fire Brigades Act 1945* is amended—

Amendment  
of the *Fire  
Brigades Act  
1945.*

- (a) by omitting from subsection (1) of section twenty-six the words “public buildings and places of public entertainment, as defined by the *Public Health Act 1935*, and the *Places of Public Entertainment Act 1917*, respectively” and substituting therefor the words “places of public assembly and places of public entertainment, as defined by the *Public Health Act 1962* and the *Local Government Act 1962* respectively”;
- (b) by omitting from subsection (3) of that section the words “all licensing courts” and substituting therefor the words “the Licensing Court”;
- (c) by omitting from subsection (3) of section twenty-seven the words “*Building Act 1937*” and substituting therefor the words “*Local Government Act 1962*”;
- (d) by omitting from subsection (2) of section thirty-one the words “*Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1959*” and substituting the words “*Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1962* of the Commonwealth as from time to time amended or any Commonwealth Act in substitution therefor”;
- (e) by omitting from paragraph (e) of section thirty-five the words “public buildings within the meaning of section one hundred and three of the *Public Health Act 1935*, or which are places of public entertainment as defined by section three of the *Places of Public Entertainment Act 1917*” and substituting therefor the words “places of public assembly or places of public entertainment as defined by the *Public Health Act 1962* and the *Local Government Act 1962*, respectively”;
- (f) by omitting from subsection (7) of section thirty-seven the numerals and words “1906 the *Towns Act 1934* the *Building Act 1937*” and substituting therefor the numerals “1962”;
- (g) by omitting from paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section forty-two the words “council or councils of the city or of the municipality or” and substituting therefor the words “corporations of”;
- (h) by omitting from subsection (2) of that section the word “councils” and substituting therefor the word “municipalities”;
- (i) by omitting from subsection (4) of that section the word “council” and substituting therefor the word “municipality”; and

(j) by the repeal of sections forty-three and forty-four and substituting therefor the following sections:—

Contribution  
by municipa-  
lities.

“43 When a district comprises areas situated in more than one municipality, the aggregate contribution payable under section forty-two by the corporations of the municipalities shall, unless their councils, with the approval of the Commission, otherwise agree, be one-fourth of the estimated expenditure of the board for the district as approved by the Commission pursuant to section forty-one, and the proportion thereof to be contributed by each municipality shall be an amount bearing the same proportion to the aggregate contribution so payable as the total annual value of such ratable property in each municipality as is within the district bears to the total annual value of all such property in those municipalities as is within the district.

Municipality  
may pay  
contribution  
and raise  
it by rates.

“44—(1) The corporation may pay contributions under section forty-two out of the proceeds of its general rate or of a special rate which it may make and levy under the *Local Government Act 1962*.

“(2) A special rate under this section may be a separate local rate, and if so section one hundred and eighty-six of the *Local Government Act 1962* shall not apply to it.”.

Amendment  
of the  
*Censorship of  
Films Act*  
1947.

**43** Sections twenty-six and thirty-one of the *Censorship of Films Act 1947* are repealed and section thirty-four of that Act is amended by omitting paragraphs (b) and (ba).

Amendment  
of the  
*Tuberculosis  
Act 1949*.

**44** Section two of the *Tuberculosis Act 1949* is amended by omitting from the definition of “municipal health officer” the words “health officer appointed under the *Public Health Act 1935*” and substituting therefor the words “medical officer of health appointed under the *Local Government Act 1962*”.

**45** The *Highways Act 1951* is amended by inserting after section seven the following sections:—

Easements  
over  
highways.

“8 A private right of way of equal or less extent is incapable of existing along with a public right of way over the same land or of reviving on the discharge of the land from that public right of way.

Boundary of  
highway.  
Cf. 26 Geo. V  
No. 35, s. 118A.

“9—(1) In the absence of evidence to the contrary, a made highway shall be deemed to extend to a distance of eight feet on both sides of the made way, including the earthworks thereof.

“(2) For the purposes of this section, ‘earthworks’ includes all bridges, drains, culverts, retaining walls, embankments, cuttings, and other works constructed in connection with the highway or necessary for its maintenance.”.

**46** The *Waterworks Clauses Act 1952* is amended—Persons  
entitled to  
demand  
supply  
of water.

- (a) by adding at the end of section nineteen the following subsection:—

“(2) Where the usual pressure of water in the main or other pipe to be drawn from is insufficient constantly to make water reach the level required by an occupier who makes a demand under this section, the undertakers may refuse the supply demanded except for a house existing at the creation of the water district.”; and

- (b) by the repeal of section thirty-one and the substitution therefor of the following section:—

“31—(1) If at any time the supply of water at the disposal of the undertakers appears, in their opinion, likely, unless specially conserved, to become insufficient for all demands on it, they may by advertisement prohibit the use of their water for such purposes as they think least beneficial to the public.

Shortage of  
water.

“(2) Any person whose business, trade, or living is adversely affected by an advertisement under this section may appeal to the Commission which may upon hearing that person, any other appellants against the same advertisement, and the undertakers, order the undertakers to vary the advertisement and the undertakers shall comply.

“(3) The undertakers are not liable in damages or otherwise if they refuse to supply water for a purpose prohibited under this section.”.

**47** Section fifty-eight of the *Water Act 1957* is repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:—

“58—(1) The execution of a scheme under this Division may be—

Joint scheme  
of river  
improvement.

- (a) a function of a county council under Part VII;
- (b) a function of a joint committee under section seven hundred and seventy-seven; or
- (c) a joint undertaking under Division IV of Part XIX,

of the *Local Government Act 1962*.

“(2) The Commission may require a municipality to join with other municipalities through whose districts the same river flows in a way mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, if it desires its proposal to be accepted.”.

Amendment  
of the  
*Ambulance  
Act 1959.*

**48** Section thirty-seven of the *Ambulance Act 1959* is amended by omitting from subsection (8A) the words "section seventy-six of the *Hospitals Act 1918*" and substituting therefor the words "section twenty-nine of the *Public Health Act 1962*".

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## STATUTORY AUTHORITIES.

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### No. 69 of 1962.

AN ACT to consolidate the law relating to statutory authorities and to repeal the *Statutory Authorities' Borrowing Act 1929* and the *Statutory Authorities Administration Act 1937*. [14 February 1963.]

**BE** it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

#### PART I.

##### PRELIMINARY.

Short title  
and com-  
mencement.

**1**—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Statutory Authorities Act 1962*.

(2) This Act shall commence on the day on which the *Local Government Act 1962* commences.

Interpreta-  
tion.

Cf. 25 Geo. V  
No. 75, s. 3,  
20 Geo. V No.  
5, s. 2, 45  
Vict. No. 16,  
s. 2, & 1 Geo.  
VI No. 75,  
s. 2.

**2** In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

"authority" means any corporation, aggregate or sole, of a public or semi-public nature constituted under statutory authority, other than a county council, municipality, or local committee of a municipal council;