**Purpose**

The aim of this Bill is to "modernise and improve the law relating to the publication, availability, reprinting, revision, and official versions of legislation and to bring this law together in a single piece of legislation"\(^1\).

The Bill as introduced is described in *Bills Digest No 1788*.

The Bill as reported by the select committee is described in *Bills Digest 1874*.

**Main amendment proposed by SOP No 127**

**Legal status of official version - reprints**

Clause 18 of the Bill provides that an official version of legislation that is a reprint:

- is taken to correctly state, as at the date at which it is stated to be reprinted, the law enacted or made by the legislation reprinted and by the amendments (if any) to that legislation; and

is evidence that any changes made in the reprint are authorised by the provisions in the Bill dealing with reprints (i.e. Part 2, Subpart 2, Clauses 23-27).

Supplementary Order Paper No 127 proposes a new subclause providing that where legislation is reprinted under Subpart 2 with changes authorised by that subpart, those changes have effect as if enacted or made, as the case may be, expressly by other legislation having effect immediately before the reprint date (amending Clause 18 of the Bill, inserting new subclause (5)).

Comment
“The new provision is based on similar Australian legislation, for example, section 9 of the Reprints Act 1992 (Qld) and will enable legislation as reprinted to be amended, incorporated, or referred to by other legislation as if authorised changes made by the reprint had been enacted by legislation. For example, if an Act is reprinted with authorised renumbering, the new numbering can be cited and relied on in any subsequent amending legislation”2.

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