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# **High Court of Australia (Oaths Amendment) Bill 2023**

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1979, and for related purposes**

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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

### **Part 1—Preliminary**

#### **1 Short title**

This Act is the *High Court of Australia (Oaths Amendment) Act (2023)*.

#### **2 Commencement**

(1) This Act shall commence on the day it receives Presidential Assent.

#### **3 Objects of this Act**

The object of this act is to amend the High Court of Australia Act 1979 to exclude references to the recently deceased Queen of Australia, Elizabeth Windsor, and substitute such references with an appropriate oath as befits the newly constituted Republic.

### **Part 1—The Repeals and Amendments**

#### ***High Court of Australia Act 1979***

#### **Schedule 1**

(1) Repeal the Schedule

(2) Substitute the following:

“I, [name] do swear that I will bear true allegiance to the Government of the Republic of Australia, duly and democratically elected according to law, that I will well and truly serve the people of Australia in the Office of Chief Justice [ or Justice] of the High Court of Australia and that I will do right to all manner of people according to law and justice without fear or favour, affection or ill-will. So Help me God!

OR

I, [name], do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that [as above, omitting the words "So help me God!"].”

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