

ACTS  
PASSED BY  
THE PARLIAMENT  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
DURING THE YEAR  
1929.

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CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE  
DEBTS).

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No. 1 of 1929.

An Act to alter the Constitution by inserting therein further Provisions relating to the public debts of the States and the borrowing of money by the Commonwealth and the States.

[Assented to 13th February, 1929.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, Preamble. and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the approval of the electors, as required by the Constitution, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *Constitution Alteration (State Debts)* Short title. 1928.

2. The Constitution is altered by inserting after section one hundred and five the following section:—

“ 105A.—(1.) The Commonwealth may make agreements with the Agreements with respect to State debts. States with respect to the public debts of the States, including—

- (a) the taking over of such debts by the Commonwealth;
- (b) the management of such debts;
- (c) the payment of interest and the provision and management of sinking funds in respect of such debts;

- (d) the consolidation, renewal, conversion, and redemption of such debts ;
- (e) the indemnification of the Commonwealth by the States in respect of debts taken over by the Commonwealth ; and
- (f) the borrowing of money by the States or by the Commonwealth, or by the Commonwealth for the States.

“(2.) The Parliament may make laws for validating any such agreement made before the commencement of this section.

“(3.) The Parliament may make laws for the carrying out by the parties thereto of any such agreement.

“(4.) Any such agreement may be varied or rescinded by the parties thereto.

“(5.) Every such agreement and any such variation thereof shall be binding upon the Commonwealth and the States parties thereto notwithstanding anything contained in this Constitution or the Constitution of the several States or in any law of the Parliament of the Commonwealth or of any State.

“(6.) The powers conferred by this section shall not be construed as being limited in any way by the provisions of section one hundred and five of this Constitution.”

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