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*[Assented to 10 December 1980]*

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

### **1 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Judicial Appointment (Western Samoa) Act 1980*.

## **2 Commencement**

This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

## **3 Interpretation**

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears, *Judge* means a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, of the Australian Industrial Court or of the Supreme Court of Norfolk Island.

## **4 Acceptance of appointment as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Western Samoa**

- (1) This section applies to the appointment of the Honourable Robert James Baldwin St John, a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, of the Australian Industrial Court and of the Supreme Court of Norfolk Island, as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Western Samoa that took effect in Western Samoa on 7 July 1980.
- (2) Approval is given to the acceptance by the Honourable Robert James Baldwin St John of the appointment to which this section applies and that acceptance does not affect, and shall be deemed not to have affected, his office as a Judge.
- (3) If, with the approval of the Governor-General, the Honourable Robert James Baldwin St John accepts any extension of the appointment to which this section applies, the acceptance of that extension does not affect his office as a Judge.
- (4) Service (whether before or after the commencement of this Act) by the Honourable Robert James Baldwin St John as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Western Samoa during any period during which he held or holds office as a Judge shall, for all purposes, count as service in that office.

## **5 Waiver of salary not to affect application of certain Acts**

For the purposes of any application to the Honourable Robert James Baldwin St John of the *Judges' Pensions Act 1968* or the *Judges (Long Leave Payments) Act 1979*, there shall be

disregarded any waiver by him of his entitlement to receive, in respect of the period during which he holds office as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Western Samoa, the salary that would from time to time be payable to him as a Judge.

## **6 Entitlement to pension**

For the purposes of the *Judges' Pensions Act 1968*, the Honourable Robert James Baldwin St John shall be taken not to have retired so long as he holds office as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Western Samoa.