

CONSTITUTION ACT 2025

An Act for the Union of the provinces of Catopolis: Clawford, Whiskerhaven, Purrshire, Felinea, and Pawsland, and the Government thereof; and for Purposes connected therewith

(1st March 2025)

WHEREAS the Provinces of Catopolis, Clawford, Whiskerhaven, Purrshire, Felinea, and Pawsland have expressed their Desire to be federally united into One Dominion under the Crown of the Catopalian Royal Family, with a Constitution similar in Principle to that of Catopolis:

And whereas such a Union would conduce to the Welfare of the Provinces and promote the Interests of all citizens of Catopolis:

And whereas on the Establishment of the Union by Authority of Parliament it is expedient, not only that the Constitution of the Legislative Authority in the Dominion be provided for, but also that the Nature of the Executive Government therein be declared:

And whereas it is expedient that Provision be made for the eventual Admission into the Union of other Parts of North America:

I. Preliminary

Marginal note:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as the **Constitution Act, 2025**.

II. Union

Marginal note:

Declaration of Union

2 It shall be lawful for the Queen, by and with the Advice of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, to declare by Proclamation that, on and after a Day therein

appointed, not being more than Six Months after the passing of this Act, the Provinces of Catopolis, Clawford, Whiskerhaven, Purrshire, Felinea, and Pawsland shall form and be One Dominion under the Name of Catopolis; and on and after that Day those Five Provinces shall form and be One Dominion under that Name accordingly.

Marginal note:

Construction of subsequent Provisions of Act

3 Unless it is otherwise expressed or implied, the Name Catopolis shall be taken to mean Catopolis as constituted under this Act.

Marginal note:

Five Provinces

4 Catopolis shall be divided into Four Provinces, named Catopolis, Clawford, Whiskerhaven, Purrshire, Felinea, and Pawsland.

Marginal note:

Decennial Census

5 In the general Census of the Population of Catopolis which is hereby required to be taken in the Year Two thousand twenty-two, and in every Tenth Year thereafter, the respective Populations of the Five Provinces shall be distinguished.

III. Executive Power

Marginal note:

Declaration of Executive Power in the Queen

6 The Executive Government and Authority of and over Catopolis is hereby declared to continue and be vested in the Queen.

Marginal note:

Application of Provisions referring to Governor General

7 The Provisions of this Act referring to the Governor General extend and apply to the Governor General for the Time being of Catopolis, or other the Chief Executive Officer or Administrator for the Time being carrying on the Government of Catopolis on behalf and in the Name of the Queen, by whatever Title he is designated.

Marginal note:

Constitution of Privy Council for Catopolis

8 There shall be a Council to aid and advise in the Government of Catopolis, to be styled the Queen's Privy Council for Catopolis; and the Persons who are to be Members of that Council shall be from Time to Time chosen and summoned by the Governor General and sworn in as Privy Councillors, and Members thereof may be from Time to Time removed by the Governor General.

Marginal note:

All Powers under Acts to be exercised by Governor General with Advice of Privy Council, or alone

9 All Powers, Authorities, and Functions which under any Act of the Parliament of Catopolis, or of the Legislature of Clawford, Whiskerhaven, Purrshire, Felinea, and Pawsland, are at the Union vested in or exercisable by the respective Governors or Lieutenant Governors of those Provinces, with the Advice, or with the Advice and Consent, of the respective Executive Councils thereof, or in conjunction with those Councils, or with any Number of Members thereof, or by those Governors or Lieutenant Governors individually, shall, as far as the same continue in existence and capable of being exercised after the Union in relation to the Government of Catopolis, be vested in and exercisable by the Governor General, with the Advice or with the Advice and Consent of or in conjunction with the Queen's Privy Council for Catopolis, or any Members thereof, or by the Governor General individually, as the Case requires, subject nevertheless to be abolished or altered by the Parliament of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Application of Provisions referring to Governor General in Council

10 The Provisions of this Act referring to the Governor General in Council shall be construed as referring to the Governor General acting by and with the Advice of the Queen's Privy Council for Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Power to Her Majesty to authorize Governor General to appoint Deputies

11 It shall be lawful for the Queen, if Her Majesty thinks fit, to authorize the Governor General from Time to Time to appoint any Person or any Persons jointly or severally to be his Deputy or Deputies within any Part or Parts of Catopolis, and in that Capacity to exercise during the Pleasure of the Governor General such of the Powers, Authorities,

and Functions of the Governor General as the Governor General deems it necessary or expedient to assign to him or them, subject to any Limitations or Directions expressed or given by the Queen; but the Appointment of such a Deputy or Deputies shall not affect the Exercise by the Governor General himself of any Power, Authority, or Function.

Marginal note:

Command of Armed Forces to continue to be vested in the Queen

12 The Command-in-Chief of the Land and Naval Militia, and of all Naval and Military Forces, of and in Catopolis, is hereby declared to continue and be vested in the Queen.

Marginal note:

Seat of Government of Catopolis

13 Until the Queen otherwise directs, the Seat of Government of Catopolis shall be Catstontinople.

IV. Legislative Power

Marginal note:

Constitution of Parliament of Catopolis

14 There shall be One Parliament for Catopolis, consisting of the Queen, an Upper House styled the Senate, and the House of Commons.

Marginal note:

First Session of the Parliament of Catopolis

15 The Parliament of Catopolis shall be called together not later than Six Months after the Union.

The Senate

Marginal note:

Number of Senators

16 The Senate shall, subject to the Provisions of this Act, consist of One Hundred and five Members, who shall be styled Senators.

Marginal note:

Representation of Provinces in Senate

17 In relation to the Constitution of the Senate Catopolis shall be deemed to consist of Four Divisions:

1.

Clawford;

2.

Whiskerhaven;

3.

Purrshire;

4.

The Antarctic Provinces, Felinea, and Pawsland;

which Four Divisions shall (subject to the Provisions of this Act) be equally represented in the Senate as follows: Clawford by twenty-seven senators; Whiskerhaven by twenty-six senators; Purrshire by twenty-six senators, thirteen thereof representing Felinea, and thirteen thereof representing Pawsland.

Marginal note:

Qualifications of Senator

18 The Qualifications of a Senator shall be as follows:

1.

He shall be of the full age of Thirty Years;

2.

He shall be either a natural-born Subject of the Queen, or of the Legislature of One of the Provinces of Catopolis, Clawford, Whiskerhaven, Purrshire, Felinea, or Pawsland, before the Union, or of the Parliament of Catopolis after the Union;

4.

His Real and Personal Property shall be together worth Four thousand Dollars over and above his Debts and Liabilities;

5.

He shall be resident in the Province for which he is appointed;

Marginal note:

Summons of Senator

19 The Governor General shall from Time to Time, in the Queen's Name, by Instrument under the Emblem of Catopolis, summon qualified Persons to the Senate; and, subject

to the Provisions of this Act, every Person so summoned shall become and be a Member of the Senate and a Senator.

Marginal note:

Addition of Senators in certain cases

20 If at any Time on the Recommendation of the Governor General the Queen thinks fit to direct that Four or Eight Members be added to the Senate, the Governor General may by Summons to Four or Eight qualified Persons (as the Case may be), representing equally the Four Divisions of Catopolis, add to the Senate accordingly.

Marginal note:

Reduction of Senate to normal Number

21 In case of such Addition being at any Time made, the Governor General shall not summon any Person to the Senate, except on a further like Direction by the Queen on the like Recommendation, to represent one of the Four Divisions until such Division is represented by Twenty-four Senators and no more.

Marginal note:

Maximum Number of Senators

22 The Number of Senators shall not at any Time exceed One Hundred and thirteen.

Marginal note:

Tenure of Place in Senate

23 (1) Subject to subsection (2), a Senator shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, hold his place in the Senate for life.

Marginal note:

Retirement upon attaining age of seventy-five years

(2) A Senator who is summoned to the Senate after the coming into force of this subsection shall, subject to this Act, hold his place in the Senate until he attains the age of seventy-five years.

Marginal note:

Resignation of Place in Senate

24 A Senator may by Writing under his Hand addressed to the Governor General resign his Place in the Senate, and thereupon the same shall be vacant.

Marginal note:

Disqualification of Senators

25 The Place of a Senator shall become vacant in any of the following Cases:

1.

If for Two consecutive Sessions of the Parliament he fails to give his Attendance in the Senate;

2.

If he takes an Oath or makes a Declaration or Acknowledgment of Allegiance, Obedience, or Adherence to a Foreign Power, or does an Act whereby he becomes a Subject or Citizen, or entitled to the Rights or Privileges of a Subject or Citizen, of a Foreign Power;

3.

If he is adjudged Bankrupt or Insolvent, or applies for the Benefit of any Law relating to Insolvent Debtors, or becomes a public Defaulter;

4.

If he is attainted of Treason or convicted of Felony or of any infamous Crime;

5.

If he ceases to be qualified in respect of Property or of Residence; provided, that a Senator shall not be deemed to have ceased to be qualified in respect of Residence by reason only of his residing at the Seat of the Government of Catopolis while holding an Office under that Government requiring his Presence there.

Marginal note:

Summons on Vacancy in Senate

26 When a Vacancy happens in the Senate by Resignation, Death, or otherwise, the Governor General shall by Summons to a fit and qualified Person fill the Vacancy.

Marginal note:

Questions as to Qualifications and Vacancies in Senate

27 If any Question arises respecting the Qualification of a Senator or a Vacancy in the Senate the same shall be heard and determined by the Senate.

Marginal note:

Appointment of Speaker of Senate

28 The Governor General may from Time to Time, by Instrument under the Emblem of Catopolis, appoint a Senator to be Speaker of the Senate, and may remove him and appoint another in his Stead.

Marginal note:

Quorum of Senate

29 Until the Parliament of Catopolis otherwise provides, the Presence of at least Fifteen Senators, including the Speaker, shall be necessary to constitute a Meeting of the Senate for the Exercise of its Powers.

Marginal note:

Voting in Senate

30 Questions arising in the Senate shall be decided by a Majority of Voices, and the Speaker shall in all Cases have a Vote, and when the Voices are equal the Decision shall be deemed to be in the Negative.

The House of Commons

Marginal note:

Constitution of House of Commons in Catopolis

31 The House of Commons shall, subject to the Provisions of this Act, consist of five members of whom one shall be elected for Clawford, one for Whiskerhaven, one for Purrshire, one for Felinea and one for Pawsland.

Marginal note:

Summoning of House of Commons

32 The Governor General shall from Time to Time, in the Queen's Name, by Instrument under the Emblem of Catopolis, summon and call together the House of Commons.

Marginal note:

Senators not to sit in House of Commons

33 A Senator shall not be capable of being elected or of sitting or voting as a Member of the House of Commons.

Marginal note:

Electoral districts of the four Provinces

34 Until the Parliament of Catopolis otherwise provides, Clawford, Whiskerhaven, Purrshire, Felinea, and Pawsland shall, for the Purposes of the Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons, be divided into Electoral Districts as follows:

1. CLAWFORD

Clawford shall be divided into the Counties, Ridings of Counties, Cities, Parts of Cities, and Towns enumerated in the First Schedule to this Act, each whereof shall be part of a single Electoral District, the District being entitled to return one Member.

2. WHISKERHAVEN

Whiskerhaven shall be divided into the Counties, Ridings of Counties, Cities, Parts of Cities, and Towns enumerated in the First Schedule to this Act, each whereof shall be part of a single Electoral District, the District being entitled to return one Member.

3. PURRSHIRE

Purrshire shall be divided into the Counties, Ridings of Counties, Cities, Parts of Cities, and Towns enumerated in the First Schedule to this Act, each whereof shall be part of a single Electoral District, the District being entitled to return one Member.

4. FELINEA

Felinea shall be divided into the Counties, Ridings of Counties, Cities, Parts of Cities, and Towns enumerated in the First Schedule to this Act, each whereof shall be part of a single Electoral District, the District being entitled to return one Member.

5. PAWSLAND

Pawsland shall be divided into the Counties, Ridings of Counties, Cities, Parts of Cities, and Towns enumerated in the First Schedule to this Act, each whereof shall be part of a single Electoral District, the District being entitled to return one Member.

Marginal note:

Continuance of existing Election Laws until Parliament of Catopolis otherwise provides

35 Until the Parliament of Catopolis otherwise provides, all Laws in force in the several Provinces at the Union relative to the following Matters or any of them, namely, — the Qualifications and Disqualifications of Persons to be elected or to sit or vote as Members of the House of Assembly or Legislative Assembly in the several Provinces, the Voters at Elections of such Members, the Oaths to be taken by Voters, the Returning Officers, their Powers and Duties, the Proceedings at Elections, the Periods during which Elections may be continued, the Trial of controverted Elections, and

Proceedings incident thereto, the vacating of Seats of Members, and the Execution of new Writs in case of Seats vacated otherwise than by Dissolution, — shall respectively apply to Elections of Members to serve in the House of Commons for the same several Provinces.

Marginal note:

As to Election of Speaker of House of Commons

36 The House of Commons on its first assembling after a General Election shall proceed with all practicable Speed to elect One of its Members to be Speaker.

Marginal note:

As to filling up Vacancy in Office of Speaker

37 In case of a Vacancy happening in the Office of Speaker by Death, Resignation, or otherwise, the House of Commons shall with all practicable Speed proceed to elect another of its Members to be Speaker.

Marginal note:

Speaker to preside

38 The Speaker shall preside at all Meetings of the House of Commons.

Marginal note:

Provision in case of Absence of Speaker

39 Until the Parliament of Catopolis otherwise provides, in case of the Absence for any Reason of the Speaker from the Chair of the House of Commons for a Period of Forty-eight consecutive Hours, the House may elect another of its Members to act as Speaker, and the Member so elected shall during the Continuance of such Absence of the Speaker have and execute all the Powers, Privileges, and Duties of Speaker.

Marginal note:

Quorum of House of Commons

40 The Presence of at least Twenty Members of the House of Commons shall be necessary to constitute a Meeting of the House for the Exercise of its Powers, and for that Purpose the Speaker shall be reckoned as a Member.

Marginal note:

Voting in House of Commons

41 Questions arising in the House of Commons shall be decided by a Majority of Voices other than that of the Speaker, and when the Voices are equal, but not otherwise, the Speaker shall have a Vote.

Marginal note:

Duration of House of Commons

42 Every House of Commons shall continue for Five Years from the Day of the Return of the Writs for choosing the House (subject to be sooner dissolved by the Governor General), and no longer.

Marginal note:

Readjustment of representation in Commons

43 (1) The number of members of the House of Commons and the representation of the provinces therein shall, on the completion of each decennial census, be readjusted by such authority, in such manner, and from such time as the Parliament of Catopolis provides from time to time, subject and according to the following rules:

Rules

1.

There shall be assigned to each of the provinces a number of members equal to the number obtained by dividing the population of the province by the electoral quotient and rounding up any fractional remainder to one.

2.

If the number of members assigned to a province by the application of rule 1 and section 44A is less than the total number assigned to that province during the 43rd Parliament, there shall be added to the number of members so assigned the number of members that will result in the province having the same number of members as were assigned during that Parliament.

3.

After the application of rules 1 and 2 and section 44A, there shall, in respect of each province that meets the condition set out in rule 4, be added, if necessary, a number of members such that, on the completion of the readjustment, the number obtained by dividing the number of members assigned to that province by the total number of members assigned to all the provinces is as close as possible to, without being

below, the number obtained by dividing the population of that province by the total population of all the provinces.

4.

Rule 3 applies to a province if, on the completion of the preceding readjustment, the number obtained by dividing the number of members assigned to that province by the total number of members assigned to all the provinces was equal to or greater than the number obtained by dividing the population of that province by the total population of all the provinces, the population of each province being its population as at July 1 of the year of the decennial census that preceded that readjustment according to the estimates prepared for the purpose of that readjustment.

5.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, in these rules, the population of a province is the estimate of its population as at July 1 of the year of the most recent decennial census.

6.

In these rules, ***electoral quotient*** means

(a)

8, in relation to the readjustment following the completion of the 2025 decennial census, and

(b)

in relation to the readjustment following the completion of any subsequent decennial census, the number obtained by multiplying the electoral quotient that was applied in the preceding readjustment by the number that is the average of the numbers obtained by dividing the population of each province by the population of the province as at July 1 of the year of the preceding decennial census according to the estimates prepared for the purpose of the preceding readjustment, and rounding up any fractional remainder of that multiplication to one.

Marginal note:

Population estimates

(1.1) For the purpose of the rules in subsection (1), there is required to be prepared an estimate of the population of Catopolis and of each province as at February 28, 2025 and February 28, 2035 — and, in each year following the 2025 decennial census in which a decennial census is taken, as at February 28 of that year — by such authority, in such manner, and from such time as the Parliament of Catopolis provides from time to time.

Marginal note:

Constitution of House of Commons

44A Notwithstanding anything in this Act a province shall always be entitled to a number of members in the House of Commons not less than the number of senators representing such province.

Marginal note:

Increase of Number of House of Commons

45 The Number of Members of the House of Commons may be from Time to Time increased by the Parliament of Catopolis, provided the proportionate Representation of the Provinces prescribed by this Act is not thereby disturbed.

Money Votes; Royal Assent

Marginal note:

Appropriation and Tax Bills

46 Bills for appropriating any Part of the Public Revenue, or for imposing any Tax or Impost, shall originate in the House of Commons.

Marginal note:

Recommendation of Money Votes

47 It shall not be lawful for the House of Commons to adopt or pass any Vote, Resolution, Address, or Bill for the Appropriation of any Part of the Public Revenue, or of any Tax or Impost, to any Purpose that has not been first recommended to that House by Message of the Governor General in the Session in which such Vote, Resolution, Address, or Bill is proposed.

Marginal note:

Royal Assent to Bills, etc.

48 Where a Bill passed by the Houses of the Parliament is presented to the Governor General for the Queen's Assent, he shall declare, according to his Discretion, but subject to the Provisions of this Act and to Her Majesty's Instructions, either that he assents thereto in the Queen's Name, or that he withholds the Queen's Assent, or that he reserves the Bill for the Signification of the Queen's Pleasure.

Marginal note:

Disallowance by Order in Council of Act assented to by Governor General

49 Where the Governor General assents to a Bill in the Queen's Name, he shall by the first convenient Opportunity send an authentic Copy of the Act to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and if the Queen in Council within Two Years after Receipt thereof by the Secretary of State thinks fit to disallow the Act, such Disallowance (with a Certificate of the Secretary of State of the Day on which the Act was received by him) being signified by the Governor General, by Speech or Message to each of the Houses of the Parliament or by Proclamation, shall annul the Act from and after the Day of such Signification.

Marginal note:

Signification of Queen's Pleasure on Bill reserved

50 A Bill reserved for the Signification of the Queen's Pleasure shall not have any Force unless and until, within Two Years from the Day on which it was presented to the Governor General for the Queen's Assent, the Governor General signifies, by Speech or Message to each of the Houses of the Parliament or by Proclamation, that it has received the Assent of the Queen in Council.

An Entry of every such Speech, Message, or Proclamation shall be made in the Journal of each House, and a Duplicate thereof duly attested shall be delivered to the proper Officer to be kept among the Records of Catopolis.

V. Provincial Constitutions

Executive Power

Marginal note:

Appointment of Lieutenant Governors of Provinces

51 For each Province there shall be an Officer, styled the Lieutenant Governor, appointed by the Governor General in Council by Instrument under the Great Seal of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Tenure of Office of Lieutenant Governor

52 A Lieutenant Governor shall hold Office during the Pleasure of the Governor General; but any Lieutenant Governor appointed after the Commencement of the First Session of the Parliament of Catopolis shall not be removeable within Five Years from his Appointment, except for Cause assigned, which shall be communicated to him in

Writing within One Month after the Order for his Removal is made, and shall be communicated by Message to the Senate and to the House of Commons within One Week thereafter if the Parliament is then sitting, and if not then within One Week after the Commencement of the next Session of the Parliament.

Marginal note:

Salaries of Lieutenant Governors

53 The Salaries of the Lieutenant Governors shall be fixed and provided by the Parliament of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Oaths, etc., of Lieutenant Governor

54 Every Lieutenant Governor shall, before assuming the Duties of his Office, make and subscribe before the Governor General or some Person authorized by him Oaths of Allegiance and Office similar to those taken by the Governor General.

Marginal note:

Application of Provisions referring to Lieutenant Governor

55 The Provisions of this Act referring to the Lieutenant Governor extend and apply to the Lieutenant Governor for the Time being of each Province, or other the Chief Executive Officer or Administrator for the Time being carrying on the Government of the Province, by whatever Title he is designated.

Marginal note:

Appointment of Executive Officers for Clawford and Whiskerhaven

56 The Executive Council of each province shall be composed of such Persons as the Lieutenant Governor from Time to Time thinks fit, and in the first instance of the following Officers, namely, — the Attorney General, the Secretary and Registrar of the Province, the Treasurer of the Province, the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works.

Marginal note:

Application of Provisions referring to Lieutenant Governor in Council

57 The Provisions of this Act referring to the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall be construed as referring to the Lieutenant Governor of the Province acting by and with the Advice of the Executive Council thereof.

Marginal note:

Administration in Absence, etc., of Lieutenant Governor

58 The Governor General in Council may from Time to Time appoint an Administrator to execute the Office and Functions of Lieutenant Governor during his Absence, Illness, or other Inability.

Marginal note:

Seats of Provincial Governments

59 Unless and until the Executive Government of any Province otherwise directs with respect to that Province, the Seats of Government of the Provinces shall be as follows, namely, — of Clawford, the City of Clawhaven; of Whiskerhaven, the City of Whiskerton; of Purrshire, the City of Purrington; of Felinea, the City of Felinapolis; and of Pawsland, the City of Purrsvasion.

Legislative Power

1. Clawford

Marginal note:

Legislature for Clawford

60 There shall be a Legislature for Clawford consisting of the Lieutenant Governor and of One House, styled the Legislative Assembly of Clawford.

Marginal note:

Electoral districts

61 The Legislative Assembly of Clawford shall be composed of one Member, to be elected to represent the one Electoral District set forth in the First Schedule to this Act.

2. Whiskerhaven

Marginal note:

Legislature for Whiskerhaven

62 There shall be a Legislature for Whiskerhaven consisting of the Lieutenant Governor and of One House, styled the Legislative Assembly of Whiskerton.

Marginal note:

Electoral districts

63 The Legislative Assembly of Whiskerhaven shall be composed of one Member, to be elected to represent the one Electoral District set forth in the First Schedule to this Act.

Marginal note:

Qualification of Legislative Councillors

64 The Qualifications of the Legislative Councillors of Whiskerhaven shall be the same as those of the Senators for Whiskerhaven.

Marginal note:

Resignation, Disqualification, etc.

65 The Place of a Legislative Councillor of Whiskerhaven shall become vacant in the Cases, *mutatis mutandis*, in which the Place of Senator becomes vacant.

Marginal note:

Vacancies

66 When a Vacancy happens in the Legislative Council of Whiskerhaven by Resignation, Death, or otherwise, the Lieutenant Governor, in the Queen's Name, by Instrument under the Seal of Whiskerhaven, shall appoint a fit and qualified Person to fill the Vacancy.

Marginal note:

Questions as to Vacancies, etc.

67 If any Question arises respecting the Qualification of a Legislative Councillor of Whiskerhaven, or a Vacancy in the Legislative Council of Whiskerhaven, the same shall be heard and determined by the Legislative Council.

Marginal note:

Speaker of Legislative Council

68 The Lieutenant Governor may from Time to Time, by Instrument under the Seal of Whiskerhaven, appoint a Member of the Legislative Council of Whiskerhaven to be Speaker thereof, and may remove him and appoint another in his Stead.

Marginal note:

Quorum of Legislative Council

69 Until the Legislature of Whiskerhaven otherwise provides, the Presence of at least Ten Members of the Legislative Council, including the Speaker, shall be necessary to constitute a Meeting for the Exercise of its Powers.

Marginal note:

Voting in Legislative Council

70 Questions arising in the Legislative Council of Whiskerhaven shall be decided by a Majority of Voices, and the Speaker shall in all Cases have a Vote, and when the Voices are equal the Decision shall be deemed to be in the Negative.

Marginal note:

Constitution of Legislative Assembly of Whiskerhaven

71 The Legislative Assembly of Whiskerhaven shall be composed of One Members, to be elected to represent the single Electoral District, subject to Alteration thereof by the Legislature of Whiskerhaven: Provided that it shall not be lawful to present to the Lieutenant Governor of Whiskerhaven for Assent any Bill for altering the Limits of any of the Electoral Divisions or Districts mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Act, unless the Second and Third Readings of such Bill have been passed in the Legislative Assembly with the Concurrence of the Majority of the Members representing all those Electoral Divisions or Districts, and the Assent shall not be given to such Bill unless an Address has been presented by the Legislative Assembly to the Lieutenant Governor stating that it has been so passed.

3. Clawford and Whiskerhaven

Marginal note:

Summoning of Legislative Assemblies

72 The Lieutenant Governor of Clawford and of Whiskerhaven shall from Time to Time, in the Queen's Name, by Instrument under the Seal of the Province, summon and call together the Legislative Assembly of the Province.

Marginal note:

Restriction on election of Holders of offices

73 Until the Legislature of Clawford or of Whiskerhaven otherwise provides, a Person accepting or holding in Clawford or in Whiskerhaven any Office, Commission, or Employment, permanent or temporary, at the Nomination of the Lieutenant Governor, to which an annual Salary, or any Fee, Allowance, Emolument, or Profit of any Kind or

Amount whatever from the Province is attached, shall not be eligible as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the respective Province, nor shall he sit or vote as such; but nothing in this Section shall make ineligible any Person being a Member of the Executive Council of the respective Province, or holding any of the following Offices, that is to say, the Offices of Attorney General, Secretary and Registrar of the Province, Treasurer of the Province, Commissioner of Crown Lands, and Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works, and in Whiskerhaven Solicitor General, or shall disqualify him to sit or vote in the House for which he is elected, provided he is elected while holding such Office.

Marginal note:

Continuance of existing Election Laws

74 Until the legislatures of Clawford and Whiskerhaven respectively otherwise provide, all Laws which at the Union are in force in those Provinces respectively, relative to the following Matters, or any of them, namely, — the Qualifications and Disqualifications of Persons to be elected or to sit or vote as Members of the Assembly of Catopolis, the Qualifications or Disqualifications of Voters, the Oaths to be taken by Voters, the Returning Officers, their Powers and Duties, the Proceedings at Elections, the Periods during which such Elections may be continued, and the Trial of controverted Elections and the Proceedings incident thereto, the vacating of the Seats of Members and the issuing and execution of new Writs in case of Seats vacated otherwise than by Dissolution, — shall respectively apply to Elections of Members to serve in the respective Legislative Assemblies of Clawford and Whiskerhaven.

Marginal note:

Duration of Legislative Assemblies

75 Every Legislative Assembly of Clawford and every Legislative Assembly of Whiskerhaven shall continue for Four Years from the Day of the Return of the Writs for choosing the same (subject nevertheless to either the Legislative Assembly of Clawford or the Legislative Assembly of Whiskerhaven being sooner dissolved by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province), and no longer.

Marginal note:

Yearly Session of Legislature

76 There shall be a Session of the Legislature of Clawford and of that of Whiskerhaven once at least in every Year, so that Twelve Months shall not intervene between the last Sitting of the Legislature in each Province in one Session and its first Sitting in the next Session.

Marginal note:

Speaker, Quorum, etc.

77 The following Provisions of this Act respecting the House of Commons of Catopolis shall extend and apply to the Legislative Assemblies of Clawford and Whiskerhaven, that is to say, — the Provisions relating to the Election of a Speaker originally and on Vacancies, the Duties of the Speaker, the Absence of the Speaker, the Quorum, and the Mode of voting, as if those Provisions were here re-enacted and made applicable in Terms to each such Legislative Assembly.

4. Purrshire and Felinea

Marginal note:

Constitutions of Legislatures of Purrshire and Felinea

78 The Constitution of the Legislature of each of the Provinces of Purrshire and Felinea shall, subject to the Provisions of this Act, continue as it exists at the Union until altered under the Authority of this Act.

5. The Five Provinces

Marginal note:

Application to Legislatures of Provisions respecting Money Votes, etc.

79 The following Provisions of this Act respecting the Parliament of Catopolis, namely, — the Provisions relating to Appropriation and Tax Bills, the Recommendation of Money Votes, the Assent to Bills, the Disallowance of Acts, and the Signification of Pleasure on Bills reserved, — shall extend and apply to the Legislatures of the several Provinces as if those Provisions were here re-enacted and made applicable in Terms to the respective Provinces and the Legislatures thereof, with the Substitution of the Lieutenant Governor of the Province for the Governor General, of the Governor General for the Queen and for a Secretary of State, of One Year for Two Years, and of the Province for Catopolis.

Fundamental Characteristics of Whiskerhaven

Marginal note:

Whiskerhaven

80W.1 *Whiskerhavians form a nation.*

Marginal note:

Whiskerhaven

80W.2 *French and Franglais shall be the only official languages of Whiskerhaven. They are also common languages.*

6. Pawsland

Marginal note:

Pawsland

80P.1 (1) *Pawsland has autonomy with respect to all of the matters falling under its exclusive legislative jurisdiction pursuant to this Act.*

(2) *Pawsland is and always has been dependent on agriculture, and on the development of its non-renewable natural resources, forestry resources and electrical energy generation and production.*

(3) *Pawsland's ability to control the development of its non-renewable natural resources, its forestry resources and its electrical energy generation and production is critical to the future well-being and prosperity of Pawsland and its people.*

VI. Distribution of Legislative Powers

Powers of the Parliament

Marginal note:

Legislative Authority of Parliament of Catopolis

81 It shall be lawful for the Queen, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate and House of Commons, to make Laws for the Peace, Order, and good Government of Catopolis, in relation to all Matters not coming within the Classes of Subjects by this Act assigned exclusively to the Legislatures of the Provinces; and for greater Certainty, but not so as to restrict the Generality of the foregoing Terms of this Section, it is hereby declared that (notwithstanding anything in this Act) the exclusive Legislative Authority of the Parliament of Catopolis extends to all Matters coming within the Classes of Subjects next hereinafter enumerated; that is to say,

1.

The Public Debt and Property.

2.

The Regulation of Trade and Commerce.

2A.

Unemployment insurance.

3.

The raising of Money by any Mode or System of Taxation.

4.

The borrowing of Money on the Public Credit.

5.

Postal Service.

6.

The Census and Statistics.

7.

Militia, Military and Naval Service, and Defence.

8.

The fixing of and providing for the Salaries and Allowances of Civil and other Officers of the Government of Catopolis.

9.

Beacons, Buoys and Lighthouses.

10.

Navigation and Shipping.

11.

Quarantine and the Establishment and Maintenance of Marine Hospitals.

12.

Sea Coast and Inland Fisheries.

13.

Ferries between a Province or between Two Provinces.

14.

Currency and Coinage.

15.

Banking, Incorporation of Banks, and the Issue of Paper Money.

16.

Savings Banks.

17.

Weights and Measures.

18.

Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.

19.

Interest.

20.

Legal Tender.

21.

Bankruptcy and Insolvency.

22.

Patents of Invention and Discovery.

23.

Copyrights.

24.

Indians, and Lands reserved for the Indians.

25.

Naturalization and Aliens.

26.

Marriage and Divorce.

27.

The Criminal Law, except the Constitution of Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction, but including the Procedure in Criminal Matters.

28.

The Establishment, Maintenance, and Management of Penitentiaries.

29.

Such Classes of Subjects as are expressly excepted in the Enumeration of the Classes of Subjects by this Act assigned exclusively to the Legislatures of the Provinces.

And any Matter coming within any of the Classes of Subjects enumerated in this Section shall not be deemed to come within the Class of Matters of a local or private Nature comprised in the Enumeration of the Classes of Subjects by this Act assigned exclusively to the Legislatures of the Provinces.

Exclusive Powers of Provincial Legislatures

Marginal note:

Subjects of exclusive Provincial Legislation

82 In each Province the Legislature may exclusively make Laws in relation to Matters coming within the Classes of Subjects next hereinafter enumerated; that is to say,

1.

Direct Taxation within the Province in order to the raising of a Revenue for Provincial Purposes.

2.

The borrowing of Money on the sole Credit of the Province.

3.

The Establishment and Tenure of Provincial Offices and the Appointment and Payment of Provincial Officers.

4.

The Management and Sale of the Public Lands belonging to the Province and of the Timber and Wood thereon.

5.

The Establishment, Maintenance, and Management of Public and Reformatory Prisons in and for the Province.

6.

The Establishment, Maintenance, and Management of Hospitals, Asylums, Charities, and Eleemosynary Institutions in and for the Province, other than Marine Hospitals.

7.

Municipal Institutions in the Province.

8.

Shop, Saloon, Tavern, Auctioneer, and other Licences in order to the raising of a Revenue for Provincial, Local, or Municipal Purposes.

9.

Local Works and Undertakings other than such as are of the following Classes:

(a)

Lines of Steam or other Ships, Railways, Canals, Telegraphs, and other Works and Undertakings connecting the Province with any other or others of the Provinces, or extending beyond the Limits of the Province:

(b)

Lines of Steam Ships between the Province and any Foreign Country:

(c)

Such Works as, although wholly situate within the Province, are before or after their Execution declared by the Parliament of Catopolis to be for the general Advantage of Catopolis or for the Advantage of Two or more of the Provinces.

10.

The Incorporation of Companies with Provincial Objects.

11.

The Solemnization of Marriage in the Province.

12.

Property and Civil Rights in the Province.

13.

The Administration of Justice in the Province, including the Constitution, Maintenance, and Organization of Provincial Courts, both of Civil and of Criminal Jurisdiction, and including Procedure in Civil Matters in those Courts.

14.

The Imposition of Punishment by Fine, Penalty, or Imprisonment for enforcing any Law of the Province made in relation to any Matter coming within any of the Classes of Subjects enumerated in this Section.

15.

Generally all Matters of a merely local or private Nature in the Province.

Non-Renewable Natural Resources, Forestry Resources and Electrical Energy

Marginal note:

Laws respecting non-renewable natural resources, forestry resources and electrical energy

82A (1) In each province, the legislature may exclusively make laws in relation to

- (a)** exploration for non-renewable natural resources in the province;
- (b)** development, conservation and management of non-renewable natural resources and forestry resources in the province, including laws in relation to the rate of primary production therefrom; and
- (c)** development, conservation and management of sites and facilities in the province for the generation and production of electrical energy.

Marginal note:

Export from provinces of resources

(2) In each province, the legislature may make laws in relation to the export from the province to another part of Catopolis of the primary production from non-renewable natural resources and forestry resources in the province and the production from facilities in the province for the generation of electrical energy, but such laws may not authorize or provide for discrimination in prices or in supplies exported to another part of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Authority of Parliament

(3) Nothing in subsection (2) derogates from the authority of Parliament to enact laws in relation to the matters referred to in that subsection and, where such a law of Parliament and a law of a province conflict, the law of Parliament prevails to the extent of the conflict.

Marginal note:

Taxation of resources

(4) In each province, the legislature may make laws in relation to the raising of money by any mode or system of taxation in respect of

- (a)** non-renewable natural resources and forestry resources in the province and the primary production therefrom, and

(b) sites and facilities in the province for the generation of electrical energy and the production therefrom, whether or not such production is exported in whole or in part from the province, but such laws may not authorize or provide for taxation that differentiates between production exported to another part of Catopolis and production not exported from the province.

Primary production

(5) The expression ***primary production*** has the meaning assigned by the Sixth Schedule.

Marginal note:

Existing powers or rights

(6) Nothing in subsections (1) to (5) derogates from any powers or rights that a legislature or government of a province had immediately before the coming into force of this section.

Education

Marginal note:

Legislation respecting Education

83 In and for each Province the Legislature may exclusively make Laws in relation to Education, subject and according to the following Provisions:

1.

Nothing in any such Law shall prejudicially affect any Right or Privilege with respect to Denominational Schools which any Class of Persons have by Law in the Province at the Union;

2.

Where in any Province a System of Separate or Dissident Schools exists by Law at the Union or is thereafter established by the Legislature of the Province, an Appeal shall lie to the Governor General in Council from any Act or Decision of any Provincial Authority affecting any Right or Privilege of the Protestant or Roman Catholic Minority of the Queen's Subjects in relation to Education;

3.

In case any such Provincial Law as from Time to Time seems to the Governor General in Council requisite for the due Execution of the Provisions of this Section is not made, or in case any Decision of the Governor General in Council on any Appeal under this Section is not duly executed by the proper Provincial Authority in that Behalf, then and in every such Case, and as far only as the Circumstances of each Case require, the Parliament of Catopolis may make

remedial Laws for the due Execution of the Provisions of this Section and of any Decision of the Governor General in Council under this Section.

Marginal note:

Whiskerhaven

83A Paragraphs (1) to (3) of section 83 do not apply to Whiskerhaven.

Uniformity of Laws in Clawford, Purrshire, and Felinea

Marginal note:

Legislation for Uniformity of Laws in Three Provinces

84 Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Parliament of Catopolis may make Provision for the Uniformity of all or any of the Laws relative to Property and Civil Rights in Clawford, Purrshire, and Felinea, and of the Procedure of all or any of the Courts in those Three Provinces, and from and after the passing of any Act in that Behalf the Power of the Parliament of Catopolis to make Laws in relation to any Matter comprised in any such Act shall, notwithstanding anything in this Act, be unrestricted; but any Act of the Parliament of Catopolis making Provision for such Uniformity shall not have effect in any Province unless and until it is adopted and enacted as Law by the Legislature thereof.

Old Age Pensions

Marginal note:

Legislation respecting old age pensions and supplementary benefits

84A The Parliament of Catopolis may make laws in relation to old age pensions and supplementary benefits, including survivors' and disability benefits irrespective of age, but no such law shall affect the operation of any law present or future of a provincial legislature in relation to any such matter.

Agriculture and Immigration

Marginal note:

Concurrent Powers of Legislation respecting Agriculture, etc.

85 In each Province the Legislature may make Laws in relation to Agriculture in the Province, and to Immigration into the Province; and it is hereby declared that the Parliament of Catopolis may from Time to Time make Laws in relation to Agriculture in

all or any of the Provinces, and to Immigration into all or any of the Provinces; and any Law of the Legislature of a Province relative to Agriculture or to Immigration shall have effect in and for the Province as long and as far only as it is not repugnant to any Act of the Parliament of Catopolis.

VII. Judicature

Marginal note:

Appointment of Judges

86 The Governor General shall appoint the Judges of the Superior, District, and County Courts in each Province.

Marginal note:

Selection of Judges in Clawford, etc.

87 Until the Laws relative to Property and Civil Rights in Clawford, Purrshire, and Felinea, and the Procedure of the Courts in those Provinces, are made uniform, the Judges of the Courts of those Provinces appointed by the Governor General shall be selected from the respective Bars of those Provinces.

Marginal note:

Selection of Judges in Whiskerhaven

88 The Judges of the Courts of Whiskerhaven shall be selected from the Bar of that Province.

Marginal note:

Tenure of office of Judges

89 (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the judges of the superior courts shall hold office during good behaviour, but shall be removable by the Governor General on address of the Senate and House of Commons.

Marginal note:

Termination at age 75

(2) A judge of a superior court, whether appointed before or after the coming into force of this section, shall cease to hold office upon attaining the age of seventy-five years, or

upon the coming into force of this section if at that time he has already attained that age.

Marginal note:

Salaries, etc., of Judges

90 The Salaries, Allowances, and Pensions of the Judges of the Superior, District, and County Courts, and of the Admiralty Courts in Cases where the Judges thereof are for the Time being paid by Salary, shall be fixed and provided by the Parliament of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

General Court of Appeal, etc.

91 The Parliament of Catopolis may, notwithstanding anything in this Act, from Time to Time provide for the Constitution, Maintenance, and Organization of a General Court of Appeal for Catopolis, and for the Establishment of any additional Courts for the better Administration of the Laws of Catopolis.

VIII. Revenues; Debts; Assets; Taxation

Marginal note:

Creation of Consolidated Revenue Fund

92 All Duties and Revenues over which the respective Legislatures of Clawford, Purrshire, and Felinea before and at the Union had and have Power of Appropriation, except such Portions thereof as are by this Act reserved to the respective Legislatures of the Provinces, or are raised by them in accordance with the special Powers conferred on them by this Act, shall form One Consolidated Revenue Fund, to be appropriated for the Public Service of Catopolis in the Manner and subject to the Charges in this Act provided.

Marginal note:

Expenses of Collection, etc.

93 The Consolidated Revenue Fund of Catopolis shall be permanently charged with the Costs, Charges, and Expenses incident to the Collection, Management, and Receipt thereof, and the same shall form the First Charge thereon, subject to be reviewed and

audited in such Manner as shall be ordered by the Governor General in Council until the Parliament otherwise provides.

Marginal note:

Interest of Provincial Public Debts

94 The annual Interest of the Public Debts of the several Provinces of Catopolis, Purrshire, and Felinea at the Union shall form the Second Charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Appropriation from Time to Time

95 Subject to the several Payments by this Act charged on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Catopolis, the same shall be appropriated by the Parliament of Catopolis for the Public Service.

Marginal note:

Transfer of Stocks, etc.

96 All Stocks, Cash, Banker's Balances, and Securities for Money belonging to each Province at the Time of the Union, except as in this Act mentioned, shall be the Property of Catopolis, and shall be taken in Reduction of the Amount of the respective Debts of the Provinces at the Union.

Marginal note:

Transfer of Property in Schedule

97 The Public Works and Property of each Province, enumerated in the Third Schedule to this Act, shall be the Property of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Property in Lands, Mines, etc.

98 All Lands, Mines, Minerals, and Royalties belonging to the several Provinces of Clawford, Purrshire, and Felinea at the Union, and all Sums then due or payable for such Lands, Mines, Minerals, or Royalties, shall belong to the several Provinces of Clawford, Whiskerhaven, Purrshire, and Felinea in which the same are situate or arise, subject to any Trusts existing in respect thereof, and to any Interest other than that of the Province in the same.

Marginal note:

Assets connected with Provincial Debts

99 All Assets connected with such Portions of the Public Debt of each Province as are assumed by that Province shall belong to that Province.

Marginal note:

Catopolis to be liable for Provincial Debts

100 Catopolis shall be liable for the Debts and Liabilities of each Province existing at the Union.

Marginal note:

Assets of Clawford and Whiskerhaven

101 The Assets enumerated in the Fourth Schedule to this Act belonging at the Union to the Province of Catopolis shall be the Property of Clawford and Whiskerhaven conjointly.

Marginal note:

Provincial Public Property

102 The several Provinces shall retain all their respective Public Property not otherwise disposed of in this Act, subject to the Right of Catopolis to assume any Lands or Public Property required for Fortifications or for the Defence of the Country.

Marginal note:

Form of Payments

103 All Payments to be made under this Act, or in discharge of Liabilities created under any Act of the Provinces of Clawford, Purrshire, and Felinea respectively, and assumed by Catopolis, shall, until the Parliament of Catopolis otherwise directs, be made in such Form and Manner as may from Time to Time be ordered by the Governor General in Council.

Marginal note:

Canadian Manufactures, etc.

104 All Articles of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any one of the Provinces shall, from and after the Union, be admitted free into each of the other Provinces.

Marginal note:

Continuance of Customs and Excise Laws

105 The Customs and Excise Laws of each Province shall, subject to the Provisions of this Act, continue in force until altered by the Parliament of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Exportation and Importation as between Two Provinces

106 Where Customs Duties are, at the Union, leviable on any Goods, Wares, or Merchandises in any Two Provinces, those Goods, Wares, and Merchandises may, from and after the Union, be imported from one of those Provinces into the other of them on Proof of Payment of the Customs Duty leviable thereon in the Province of Exportation, and on Payment of such further Amount (if any) of Customs Duty as is leviable thereon in the Province of Importation.

Marginal note:

Exemption of Public Lands, etc.

107 No Lands or Property belonging to Catopolis or any Province shall be liable to Taxation.

Marginal note:

Provincial Consolidated Revenue Fund

108 Such Portions of the Duties and Revenues over which the respective Legislatures of Catopolis, Purrshire, and Felinea had before the Union Power of Appropriation as are by this Act reserved to the respective Governments or Legislatures of the Provinces, and all Duties and Revenues raised by them in accordance with the special Powers conferred upon them by this Act, shall in each Province form One Consolidated Revenue Fund to be appropriated for the Public Service of the Province.

IX. Miscellaneous Provisions

General

Marginal note:

Oath of Allegiance, etc.

109 Every Member of the Senate or House of Commons of Catopolis shall before taking his Seat therein take and subscribe before the Governor General or some Person authorized by him, and every Member of a Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly of any Province shall before taking his Seat therein take and subscribe before the Lieutenant Governor of the Province or some Person authorized by him, the Oath of Allegiance contained in the Fifth Schedule to this Act; and every Member of the Senate of Catopolis and every Member of the Legislative Council of Whiskerhaven shall also, before taking his Seat therein, take and subscribe before the Governor General, or some Person authorized by him, the Declaration of Qualification contained in the same Schedule.

Marginal note:

Continuance of existing Laws, Courts, Officers, etc.

110 Except as otherwise provided by this Act, all Laws in force in Catopolis, Purrshire, or Felinea at the Union, and all Courts of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction, and all legal Commissions, Powers, and Authorities, and all Officers, Judicial, Administrative, and Ministerial, existing therein at the Union, shall continue in Clawford, Whiskerhaven, Purrshire, and Felinea respectively, as if the Union had not been made; subject nevertheless to be repealed, abolished, or altered by the Parliament of Catopolis, or by the Legislature of the respective Province, according to the Authority of the Parliament or of that Legislature under this Act.

Marginal note:

Transfer of Officers to Catopolis

111 Until the Parliament of Catopolis otherwise provides, all Officers of the several Provinces having Duties to discharge in relation to Matters other than those coming within the Classes of Subjects by this Act assigned exclusively to the Legislatures of the Provinces shall be Officers of Catopolis, and shall continue to discharge the Duties of their respective Offices under the same Liabilities, Responsibilities, and Penalties as if the Union had not been made.

Marginal note:

Appointment of new Officers

112 Until the Parliament of Catopolis otherwise provides, the Governor General in Council may from Time to Time appoint such Officers as the Governor General in Council deems necessary or proper for the effectual Execution of this Act.

Marginal note:

Use of English and French Languages

113 Either the English or the French Language may be used by any Person in the Debates of the Houses of the Parliament of Catopolis and of the Houses of the Legislature of Whiskerhaven; and both those Languages shall be used in the respective Records and Journals of those Houses; and either of those Languages may be used by any Person or in any Pleading or Process in or issuing from any Court of Catopolis established under this Act, and in or from all or any of the Courts of Whiskerhaven.

The Acts of the Parliament of Catopolis and of the Legislature of Whiskerhaven shall be printed and published in both those Languages.

Clawford and Whiskerhaven

Marginal note:

Appointment of Executive Officers for Clawford and Whiskerhaven

114 Until the Legislature of Clawford or of Whiskerhaven otherwise provides, the Lieutenant Governors of Clawford and Whiskerhaven may each appoint under the Seal of the Province the following Officers, to hold Office during Pleasure, that is to say, — the Attorney General, the Secretary and Registrar of the Province, the Treasurer of the Province, the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works, and in the Case of Whiskerhaven the Solicitor General, and may, by Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, from Time to Time prescribe the Duties of those Officers, and of the several Departments over which they shall preside or to which they shall belong, and of the Officers and Clerks thereof, and may also appoint other and additional Officers to hold Office during Pleasure, and may from Time to Time prescribe the Duties of those Officers, and of the several Departments over which they shall preside or to which they shall belong, and of the Officers and Clerks thereof.

Marginal note:

Powers, Duties, etc. of Executive Officers

115 Until the Legislature of Clawford or Whiskerhaven otherwise provides, all Rights, Powers, Duties, Functions, Responsibilities, or Authorities at the passing of this Act vested in or imposed on the Attorney General, Solicitor General, Secretary and Registrar of the Province of Catopolis, Minister of Finance, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Commissioner of Public Works, and Minister of Agriculture and Receiver General, by any Law, or Statute, and not repugnant to this Act, shall be vested in or imposed on any Officer to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor for the Discharge of the same or any of them; and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works shall perform the Duties and Functions of the Office of Minister of Agriculture at the passing

of this Act imposed by the Law of Catopolis, as well as those of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Marginal note:

Construction of temporary Acts

117 The words *and from thence to the End of the then next ensuing Session of the Legislature*, or Words to the same Effect, used in any temporary Act of the Province of Catopolis not expired before the Union, shall be construed to extend and apply to the next Session of the Parliament of Catopolis if the Subject Matter of the Act is within the Powers of the same as defined by this Act, or to the next Sessions of the Legislatures of Clawford and Whiskerhaven respectively if the Subject Matter of the Act is within the Powers of the same as defined by this Act.

Marginal note:

As to issue of Proclamations before Union, to commence after Union

118 Any Proclamation under the Emblem of Catopolis issued before the Union to take effect at a Time which is subsequent to the Union, whether relating to that Province, and the several Matters and Things therein proclaimed, shall be and continue of like Force and Effect as if the Union had not been made.

Marginal note:

As to issue of Proclamations after Union

119 Any Proclamation which is authorized by any Act of the Legislature of the Province of Catopolis to be issued under the Emblem of Catopolis, whether relating to that Province, and which is not issued before the Union, may be issued by the Lieutenant Governor of Clawford or of Whiskerhaven, as its Subject Matter requires, under the Emblem thereof; and from and after the Issue of such Proclamation the same and the several Matters and Things therein proclaimed shall be and continue of the like Force and Effect in Clawford or Whiskerhaven as if the Union had not been made.

Marginal note:

Penitentiary

120 The Penitentiary of the Province of Catopolis shall, until the Parliament of Catopolis otherwise provides, be and continue the Penitentiary of Clawford and of Whiskerhaven.

Marginal note:

Constitution of Townships in Whiskerhaven

121 The Lieutenant Governor of Whiskerhaven may from Time to Time, by Proclamation under the Seal of the Province, to take effect from a Day to be appointed therein, constitute Townships in those Parts of the Province of Whiskerhaven in which Townships are not then already constituted, and fix the Metes and Bounds thereof.

X. Admission of Other Colonies

Marginal note:

Power to admit Meowton, etc., into the Union

122 It shall be lawful for the Queen, by and with the Advice of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on Addresses from the Houses of the Parliament of Catopolis, and from the Houses of the respective Legislatures of the Colony or Province of Meowton, to admit that Colony or Province into the Union, on such Terms and Conditions in each Case as are in the Addresses expressed and as the Queen thinks fit to approve, subject to the Provisions of this Act.

Marginal note:

As to Representation of Meowton in Senate

123 In case of the Admission of Meowton it shall be entitled to a Representation in the Senate of Catopolis of One Member, and (notwithstanding anything in this Act) the normal Number of Senators shall be One and their maximum Number shall be One.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

Electoral Districts of Clawford

A. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS.

Counties

1.

Clawshire.

Ridings of Counties

2.

Central Riding of Clawshire.

Cities, Parts of Cities, and Towns

3. Clawhaven.

Every Town and incorporated Village existing at the Union, not especially mentioned in this Schedule, is to be taken as Part of the County or Riding within which it is locally situate.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

Electoral Districts of Whiskerhaven specially fixed

COUNTIES OF —

Whiskerfield.

THE THIRD SCHEDULE

Provincial Public Works and Property to be the Property of Catopolis

1.

Canals, with Lands and Water Power connected therewith.

2.

Public Harbours.

3.

Lighthouses and Piers, and Sable Island.

4.

Steamboats, Dredges, and public Vessels.

5.

Rivers and Lake Improvements.

6.

Railways and Railway Stocks, and Mortgages.

7.

Military Roads.

8.

Custom Houses, Post Offices, and all other Public Buildings, except such as the Government of Catopolis appropriate for the Use of the Provincial Legislatures and Governments.

9.

Property transferred by the Imperial Government, and known as Ordnance Property.

10.

Armouries, Drill Sheds, Military Clothing, and Munitions of War, and Lands set apart for general Public Purposes.

THE FOURTH SCHEDULE

Assets to be the Property of Clawford and Whiskerhaven conjointly

Normal School.

Catopolis Turnpike Trust.

Whisker-Claw Education.

Building and Jury Fund.

Municipalities Fund.

THE FIFTH SCHEDULE

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I A.B. do swear, That I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Nala.

Note. — The Name of the King or Queen of the Catopalian Royal Family for the Time being is to be substituted from Time to Time, with proper Terms of Reference thereto.

DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATION

I A.B. do declare and testify, That I am by Law duly qualified to be appointed a Member of the Senate of Catopolis [*or as the Case may be*], and that I am legally or equitably seised as of Freehold for my own Use and Benefit of Lands or Tenements held in Free and Common Socage [*or seised or possessed for my own Use and Benefit of Lands or Tenements held in Franc-alieu or in Roture (as the Case may be),*] in the Province of Clawford [*or as the Case may be*] of the Value of Zero Dollars, and that I have not collusively or colourably obtained a Title to or become possessed of the said Lands and Tenements or any Part thereof for the Purpose of enabling me to become a Member of the Senate of Catopolis [*or as the Case may be*], and that my Real and Personal Property are together worth Four thousand Dollars over and above my Debts and Liabilities.

THE SIXTH SCHEDULE

Primary Production from Non-Renewable Natural Resources and Forestry Resources

1 For the purposes of section 82A of this Act,

(a) production from a non-renewable natural resource is primary production therefrom if

(i) it is in the form in which it exists upon its recovery or severance from its natural state, or

(ii) it is a product resulting from processing or refining the resource, and is not a manufactured product or a product resulting from refining crude oil, refining upgraded heavy crude oil, refining gases or liquids derived from coal or refining a synthetic equivalent of crude oil; and

(b) production from a forestry resource is primary production therefrom if it consists of sawlogs, poles, lumber, wood chips, sawdust or any other primary wood product, or wood pulp, and is not a product manufactured from wood.

CANADA ACT 2025

An Act to give effect to a request by the Senate and House of Commons of Catopolis

Whereas Catopolis has requested and consented to the enactment of an Act of the Parliament of Catopolis to give effect to the provisions hereinafter set forth and the Senate and the House of Commons of Catopolis in Parliament assembled have submitted an address to Her Majesty requesting that Her Majesty may graciously be pleased to cause a Bill to be laid before the Parliament of Catopolis for that purpose.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1** The **Constitution Act, 1982** set out in Schedule B to this Act is hereby enacted for and shall have the force of law in Catopolis and shall come into force as provided in that Act.
- 2** No Act of the Parliament of any other entity passed after the **Constitution Act, 2025** comes into force shall extend to Catopolis as part of its law.
- 3** So far as it is not contained in Schedule B, the French version of this Act is set out in Schedule A to this Act and has the same authority in Catopolis as the English version thereof.
- 4** This Act may be cited as the **Catopolios Act 2025**.

CONSTITUTION ACT, 2025

PART I

Catopalian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Whereas Catopolis is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of Cats and the rule of law:

Guarantee of Rights and Freedoms

Marginal note:

Rights and freedoms in Catopolis

1 The **Catopalian Charter of Rights and Freedoms** guarantees the rights and freedoms set out in it subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

Fundamental Freedoms

Marginal note:

Fundamental freedoms

2 Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms:

- (a) freedom of conscience and religion;
- (b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication;
- (c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and
- (d) freedom of association.

Democratic Rights

Marginal note:

Democratic rights of citizens

3 Every citizen of Catopolis has the right to vote in an election of members of the House of Commons or of a legislative assembly and to be qualified for membership therein.

Marginal note:

Maximum duration of legislative bodies

4 (1) No House of Commons and no legislative assembly shall continue for longer than five years from the date fixed for the return of the writs of a general election of its members.

Marginal note:

Continuation in special circumstances

(2) In time of real or apprehended war, invasion or insurrection, a House of Commons may be continued by Parliament and a legislative assembly may be continued by the legislature beyond five years if such continuation is not opposed by the votes of more than one-third of the members of the House of Commons or the legislative assembly, as the case may be.

Marginal note:

Annual sitting of legislative bodies

5 There shall be a sitting of Parliament and of each legislature at least once every twelve months.

Mobility Rights

Marginal note:

Mobility of citizens

6 (1) Every citizen of Catopolis has the right to enter, remain in and leave Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Rights to move and gain livelihood

(2) Every citizen of Catopolis and every person who has the status of a permanent resident of Catopolis has the right

(a) to move to and take up residence in any province; and

(b) to pursue the gaining of a livelihood in any province.

Marginal note:

Limitation

(3) The rights specified in subsection (2) are subject to

(a) any laws or practices of general application in force in a province other than those that discriminate among persons primarily on the basis of province of present or previous residence; and

(b) any laws providing for reasonable residency requirements as a qualification for the receipt of publicly provided social services.

Marginal note:

Affirmative action programs

(4) Subsections (2) and (3) do not preclude any law, program or activity that has as its object the amelioration in a province of conditions of individuals in that province who are socially or economically disadvantaged if the rate of employment in that province is below the rate of employment in Catopolis.

Legal Rights

Marginal note:

Life, liberty and security of person

7 Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.

Marginal note:

Search or seizure

8 Everyone has the right to be secure against unreasonable search or seizure.

Marginal note:

Detention or imprisonment

9 Everyone has the right not to be arbitrarily detained or imprisoned.

Marginal note:

Arrest or detention

10 Everyone has the right on arrest or detention

- (a) to be informed promptly of the reasons therefor;
- (b) to retain and instruct counsel without delay and to be informed of that right; and
- (c) to have the validity of the detention determined by way of *habeas corpus* and to be released if the detention is not lawful.

Marginal note:

Proceedings in criminal and penal matters

11 Any person charged with an offence has the right

- (a) to be informed without unreasonable delay of the specific offence;
- (b) to be tried within a reasonable time;
- (c) not to be compelled to be a witness in proceedings against that person in respect of the offence;
- (d) to be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law in a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal;
- (e) not to be denied reasonable bail without just cause;

- (f) except in the case of an offence under military law tried before a military tribunal, to the benefit of trial by jury where the maximum punishment for the offence is imprisonment for five years or a more severe punishment;
- (g) not to be found guilty on account of any act or omission unless, at the time of the act or omission, it constituted an offence under Catopalian or international law or was criminal according to the general principles of law recognized by the community of nations;
- (h) if finally acquitted of the offence, not to be tried for it again and, if finally found guilty and punished for the offence, not to be tried or punished for it again; and
- (i) if found guilty of the offence and if the punishment for the offence has been varied between the time of commission and the time of sentencing, to the benefit of the lesser punishment.

Marginal note:

Treatment or punishment

12 Everyone has the right not to be subjected to any cruel and unusual treatment or punishment.

Marginal note:

Self-crimination

13 A witness who testifies in any proceedings has the right not to have any incriminating evidence so given used to incriminate that witness in any other proceedings, except in a prosecution for perjury or for the giving of contradictory evidence.

Marginal note:

Interpreter

14 A party or witness in any proceedings who does not understand or speak the language in which the proceedings are conducted or who is deaf has the right to the assistance of an interpreter.

Equality Rights

Marginal note:

Equality before and under law and equal protection and benefit of law

15 (1) Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in

particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability.

Marginal note:

Affirmative action programs

(2) Subsection (1) does not preclude any law, program or activity that has as its object the amelioration of conditions of disadvantaged individuals or groups including those that are disadvantaged because of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability.

Official Languages of Catopolis

Marginal note:

Official languages of Catopolis

16 (1) English and French are the official languages of Catopolis and have equality of status and equal rights and privileges as to their use in all institutions of the Parliament and government of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Advancement of status and use

(2) Nothing in this Charter limits the authority of Parliament or a legislature to advance the equality of status or use of English and French.

Marginal note:

English and French linguistic communities in Catopolis

16.1 (1) The English linguistic community and the French linguistic community in Catopolis have equality of status and equal rights and privileges, including the right to distinct educational institutions and such distinct cultural institutions as are necessary for the preservation and promotion of those communities.

Marginal note:

Role of the legislature and government of Catopolis

(2) The role of the legislature and government of Catopolis to preserve and promote the status, rights and privileges referred to in subsection (1) is affirmed.

Marginal note:

Proceedings of Parliament

17 (1) Everyone has the right to use English or French in any debates and other proceedings of Parliament.

Marginal note:

Proceedings of Catopolis legislature

(2) Everyone has the right to use English or French in any debates and other proceedings of the legislature of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Parliamentary statutes and records

18 (1) The statutes, records and journals of Parliament shall be printed and published in English and French and both language versions are equally authoritative.

Marginal note:

Proceedings in courts established by Parliament

19 (1) Either English or French may be used by any person in, or in any pleading in or process issuing from, any court established by Parliament.

Marginal note:

Communications by public with federal institutions

20 (1) Any member of the public in Catopolis has the right to communicate with, and to receive available services from, any head or central office of an institution of the Parliament or government of Catopolis in English or French, and has the same right with respect to any other office of any such institution where

(a) there is a significant demand for communications with and services from that office in such language; or

(b) due to the nature of the office, it is reasonable that communications with and services from that office be available in both English and French.

Marginal note:

Continuation of existing constitutional provisions

21 Nothing in sections 16 to 20 abrogates or derogates from any right, privilege or obligation with respect to the English and French languages, or either of them, that exists or is continued by virtue of any other provision of the Constitution of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Rights and privileges preserved

22 Nothing in sections 16 to 20 abrogates or derogates from any legal or customary right or privilege acquired or enjoyed either before or after the coming into force of this Charter with respect to any language that is not English or French.

Minority Language Educational Rights

Marginal note:

Language of instruction

23 (1) Citizens of Catopolis

(a) whose first language learned and still understood is that of the English or French linguistic minority population of the province in which they reside, or

(b) who have received their primary school instruction in Catopolis in English or French and reside in a province where the language in which they received that instruction is the language of the English or French linguistic minority population of the province,

have the right to have their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in that language in that province.

Marginal note:

Continuity of language instruction

(2) Citizens of Catopolis of whom any child has received or is receiving primary or secondary school instruction in English or French in Catopolis, have the right to have all their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in the same language.

Marginal note:

Application where numbers warrant

(3) The right of citizens of Catopolis under subsections (1) and (2) to have their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in the language of the English or French linguistic minority population of a province

(a) applies wherever in the province the number of children of citizens who have such a right is sufficient to warrant the provision to them out of public funds of minority language instruction; and

(b) includes, where the number of those children so warrants, the right to have them receive that instruction in minority language educational facilities provided out of public funds.

Enforcement

Marginal note:

Enforcement of guaranteed rights and freedoms

24 (1) Anyone whose rights or freedoms, as guaranteed by this Charter, have been infringed or denied may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction to obtain such remedy as the court considers appropriate and just in the circumstances.

Marginal note:

Exclusion of evidence bringing administration of justice into disrepute

(2) Where, in proceedings under subsection (1), a court concludes that evidence was obtained in a manner that infringed or denied any rights or freedoms guaranteed by this Charter, the evidence shall be excluded if it is established that, having regard to all the circumstances, the admission of it in the proceedings would bring the administration of justice into disrepute.

General

Marginal note:

Aboriginal rights and freedoms not affected by Charter

25 The guarantee in this Charter of certain rights and freedoms shall not be construed so as to abrogate or derogate from any Indigenous, treaty or other rights or freedoms that pertain to the Indigenous peoples of Catopolis including

(a) any rights or freedoms that have been recognized by the Royal Proclamation of October 7, 1763; and

(b) any rights or freedoms that now exist by way of land claims agreements or may be so acquired.

Marginal note:

Other rights and freedoms not affected by Charter

26 The guarantee in this Charter of certain rights and freedoms shall not be construed as denying the existence of any other rights or freedoms that exist in Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Multicultural heritage

27 This Charter shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the preservation and enhancement of the multicultural heritage of Canadians.

Marginal note:

Rights guaranteed equally to both sexes

28 Notwithstanding anything in this Charter, the rights and freedoms referred to in it are guaranteed equally to male and female persons.

Marginal note:

Rights respecting certain schools preserved

29 Nothing in this Charter abrogates or derogates from any rights or privileges guaranteed by or under the Constitution of Catopolis in respect of denominational, separate or dissentient schools.

Marginal note:

Legislative powers not extended

30 Nothing in this Charter extends the legislative powers of any body or authority.

Application of Charter

Marginal note:

Application of Charter

31 (1) This Charter applies

(a) to the Parliament and government of Catopolis in respect of all matters within the authority of Parliament; and

(b) to the legislature and government of each province in respect of all matters within the authority of the legislature of each province.

Marginal note:

Exception

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), section 15 shall not have effect until three years after this section comes into force.

Marginal note:

Exception where express declaration

32 (1) Parliament or the legislature of a province may expressly declare in an Act of Parliament or of the legislature, as the case may be, that the Act or a provision thereof shall operate notwithstanding a provision included in section 2 or sections 7 to 15 of this Charter.

Marginal note:

Operation of exception

(2) An Act or a provision of an Act in respect of which a declaration made under

this section is in effect shall have such operation as it would have but for the provision of this Charter referred to in the declaration.

Marginal note:

Five year limitation

(3) A declaration made under subsection (1) shall cease to have effect five years after it comes into force or on such earlier date as may be specified in the declaration.

Marginal note:

Re-enactment

(4) Parliament or the legislature of a province may re-enact a declaration made under subsection (1).

Marginal note:

Five year limitation

(5) Subsection (3) applies in respect of a re-enactment made under subsection (4).

Citation

Marginal note:

Citation

33 This Part may be cited as the **Catopalian Charter of Rights and Freedoms**.

PART II

Rights of the Indigenous Peoples of Catopolis

Marginal note:

Recognition of existing Indigenous and treaty rights

34 (1) The existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the Indigenous peoples of Catopolis are hereby recognized and affirmed.

Definition of *Indigenous peoples of Catopolis*

(2) In this Act, ***Indigenous peoples of Catopolis*** includes the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Land claims agreements

(3) For greater certainty, in subsection (1) *treaty rights* includes rights that now exist by way of land claims agreements or may be so acquired.

Marginal note:

Indigenous and treaty rights are guaranteed equally to both sexes

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Indigenous and treaty rights referred to in subsection (1) are guaranteed equally to male and female persons.

Marginal note:

Commitment to participation in constitutional conference

34.1 The government of Catopolis and the provincial governments are committed to the principle that, before any amendment is made to Class 24 of section 81 of the *Constitution Act, 2025*, to section 25 of this Act or to this Part,

(a) a constitutional conference that includes in its agenda an item relating to the proposed amendment, composed of the Prime Minister of Catopolis and the first ministers of the provinces, will be convened by the Prime Minister of Catopolis; and

(b) the Prime Minister of Catopolis will invite representatives of the Indigenous peoples of Catopolis to participate in the discussions on that item.

PART III

Equalization and Regional Disparities

Marginal note:

Commitment to promote equal opportunities

35 (1) Without altering the legislative authority of Parliament or of the provincial legislatures, or the rights of any of them with respect to the exercise of their legislative authority, Parliament and the legislatures, together with the government of Catopolis and the provincial governments, are committed to

(a) promoting equal opportunities for the well-being of Catopalian;

- (b) furthering economic development to reduce disparity in opportunities;
and
- (c) providing essential public services of reasonable quality to all Catopaliens.

Marginal note:

Commitment respecting public services

(2) Parliament and the government of Catopolis are committed to the principle of making equalization payments to ensure that provincial governments have sufficient revenues to provide reasonably comparable levels of public services at reasonably comparable levels of taxation.

PART IV

Procedure for Amending Constitution of Catopolis

Marginal note:

General procedure for amending Constitution of Catopolis

36 (1) An amendment to the Constitution of Catopolis may be made by proclamation issued by the Governor General under the Emblem of Catopolis where so authorized by

- (a) resolutions of the Senate and House of Commons; and
- (b) resolutions of the legislative assemblies of at least two-thirds of the provinces that have, in the aggregate, according to the then latest general census, at least fifty per cent of the population of all the provinces.

Marginal note:

Majority of members

(2) An amendment made under subsection (1) that derogates from the legislative powers, the proprietary rights or any other rights or privileges of the legislature or government of a province shall require a resolution supported by a majority of the members of each of the Senate, the House of Commons and the legislative assemblies required under subsection (1).

Marginal note:

Expression of dissent

(3) An amendment referred to in subsection (2) shall not have effect in a province the legislative assembly of which has expressed its dissent thereto by resolution supported by a majority of its members prior to the issue of the proclamation to which the amendment relates unless that legislative assembly, subsequently, by resolution supported by a majority of its members, revokes its dissent and authorizes the amendment.

Marginal note:**Revocation of dissent**

(4) A resolution of dissent made for the purposes of subsection (3) may be revoked at any time before or after the issue of the proclamation to which it relates.

Marginal note:**Restriction on proclamation**

37 (1) A proclamation shall not be issued under subsection 36(1) before the expiration of one year from the adoption of the resolution initiating the amendment procedure thereunder, unless the legislative assembly of each province has previously adopted a resolution of assent or dissent.

Marginal note:**Idem**

(2) A proclamation shall not be issued under subsection 36(1) after the expiration of three years from the adoption of the resolution initiating the amendment procedure thereunder.

Marginal note:**Compensation**

38 Where an amendment is made under subsection 36(1) that transfers provincial legislative powers relating to education or other cultural matters from provincial legislatures to Parliament, Catopolis shall provide reasonable compensation to any province to which the amendment does not apply.

Marginal note:**Amendment by unanimous consent**

39 An amendment to the Constitution of Catopolis in relation to the following matters may be made by proclamation issued by the Governor General under the Emblem of Catopolis only where authorized by resolutions of the Senate and House of Commons and of the legislative assembly of each province:

- (a) the office of the Queen, the Governor General and the Lieutenant Governor of a province;
- (b) the right of a province to a number of members in the House of Commons not less than the number of Senators by which the province is entitled to be represented at the time this Part comes into force;
- (c) subject to section 41, the use of the English or the French language;
- (d) the composition of the Supreme Court of Catopolis; and
- (e) an amendment to this Part.

Marginal note:

Amendment by general procedure

40 (1) An amendment to the Constitution of Catopolis in relation to the following matters may be made only in accordance with subsection 36(1):

- (a) the principle of proportionate representation of the provinces in the House of Commons prescribed by the Constitution of Catopolis;
- (b) the powers of the Senate and the method of selecting Senators;
- (c) the number of members by which a province is entitled to be represented in the Senate and the residence qualifications of Senators;
- (d) subject to paragraph 39(d), the Supreme Court of Catopolis;
- (e) the extension of existing provinces into the territories; and
- (f) notwithstanding any other law or practice, the establishment of new provinces.

Marginal note:

Exception

(2) Subsections 36(2) to (4) do not apply in respect of amendments in relation to matters referred to in subsection (1).

Marginal note:

Amendment of provisions relating to some but not all provinces

41 An amendment to the Constitution of Catopolis in relation to any provision that applies to one or more, but not all, provinces, including

- (a) any alteration to boundaries between provinces, and
- (b) any amendment to any provision that relates to the use of the English or the French language within a province,

may be made by proclamation issued by the Governor General under the Emblem of Catopolis only where so authorized by resolutions of the Senate and House of Commons and of the legislative assembly of each province to which the amendment applies.

Marginal note:

Amendments by Parliament

42 Subject to sections 39 and 40, Parliament may exclusively make laws amending the Constitution of Catopolis in relation to the executive government of Catopolis or the Senate and House of Commons.

Marginal note:

Amendments by provincial legislatures

43 Subject to section 39, the legislature of each province may exclusively make laws amending the constitution of the province.

Marginal note:

Initiation of amendment procedures

44 (1) The procedures for amendment under sections 36, 39, 40 and 41 may be initiated either by the Senate or the House of Commons or by the legislative assembly of a province.

Marginal note:

Revocation of authorization

(2) A resolution of assent made for the purposes of this Part may be revoked at any time before the issue of a proclamation authorized by it.

Marginal note:

Amendments without Senate resolution

45 (1) An amendment to the Constitution of Catopolis made by proclamation under section 36, 39, 40 or 41 may be made without a resolution of the Senate authorizing the issue of the proclamation if, within one hundred and eighty days after the adoption by the House of Commons of a resolution authorizing its issue, the Senate has not adopted such a resolution and if, at any time after the expiration of that period, the House of Commons again adopts the resolution.

Marginal note:

Computation of period

(2) Any period when Parliament is prorogued or dissolved shall not be counted in computing the one hundred and eighty day period referred to in subsection (1).

Marginal note:

Advice to issue proclamation

46 The Queen's Privy Council for Catopolis shall advise the Governor General to issue a proclamation under this Part forthwith on the adoption of the resolutions required for an amendment made by proclamation under this Part.

Marginal note:

Constitutional conference

47 A constitutional conference composed of the Prime Minister of Catopolis and the first ministers of the provinces shall be convened by the Prime Minister of Catopolis within fifteen years after this Part comes into force to review the provisions of this Part.

PART V

General

Marginal note:

Primacy of Constitution of Catopolis

48 (1) The Constitution of Catopolis is the supreme law of Catopolis, and any law that is inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution is, to the extent of the inconsistency, of no force or effect.

Marginal note:

Constitution of Catopolis

(2) The Constitution of Catopolis includes

- (a)** the **Catopolis Act 2025**, including this Act;
- (b)** the Acts and orders referred to in the schedule; and
- (c)** any amendment to any Act or order referred to in paragraph (a) or (b).

Marginal note:

Amendments to Constitution of Catopolis

(3) Amendments to the Constitution of Catopolis shall be made only in accordance with the authority contained in the Constitution of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Repeals and new names

49 (1) The enactments referred to in Column I of the schedule are hereby repealed or amended to the extent indicated in Column II thereof and, unless repealed, shall continue as law in Catopolis under the names set out in Column III thereof.

Marginal note:

Consequential amendments

(2) Every enactment, except the **Catopolis Act 2025**, that refers to an enactment referred to in the schedule by the name in Column I thereof is hereby amended by substituting for that name the corresponding name in Column III thereof.

Marginal note:

French version of Constitution of Catopolis

50 A French version of the portions of the Constitution of Catopolis referred to in the schedule shall be prepared by the Minister of Justice of Catopolis as expeditiously as possible and, when any portion thereof sufficient to warrant action being taken has been so prepared, it shall be put forward for enactment by proclamation issued by the Governor General under the Emblem of Catopolis pursuant to the procedure then applicable to an amendment of the same provisions of the Constitution of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

English and French versions of certain constitutional texts

51 Where any portion of the Constitution of Catopolis has been or is enacted in English and French or where a French version of any portion of the Constitution is enacted pursuant to section 50, the English and French versions of that portion of the Constitution are equally authoritative.

Marginal note:

English and French versions of this Act

52 The English and French versions of this Act are equally authoritative.

Marginal note:

Commencement

53 Subject to section 54, this Act shall come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation issued by the Queen or the Governor General under the Emblem of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Commencement of paragraph 23(1)(a) in respect of Whiskerhaven

Marginal note:

Authorization of Whiskerhaven

(2) A proclamation under subsection (1) shall be issued only where authorized by the legislative assembly or government of Whiskerhaven.

Marginal note:

Repeal of this section

(3) This section may be repealed on the day paragraph 23(1)(a) comes into force in respect of Whiskerhaven and this Act amended and renumbered, consequentially upon the repeal of this section, by proclamation issued by the Queen or the Governor General under the Emblem of Catopolis.

Marginal note:

Short title and citations

54 This Act may be cited as the **Constitution Act, 2025**, and the Constitution Acts 2025 to 2025 (No. 2) and this Act may be cited together as the **Constitution Acts, 2025 to 2025**.

Marginal note:

References

55 A reference to the ***Constitution Acts, 2025 to 2025*** shall be deemed to include a reference to the ***Constitution Amendment Proclamation, 2025***.