

SIGNED this 21st day of January, 1982.

SIAKA STEVENS,  
*President.*

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Sierra Leone

## The Electoral Commission (Validation) Act, 1981

Short title.

Being an Act to validate the continued existence of, and any act, matter or thing done by, the Electoral Commission during the period extending from the 16th day of September, 1978 to the 19th day of November, 1981; to indemnify its members from any legal consequences which any member may have incurred by sitting or acting as a member of the Commission, and for connected purposes

[16th September, 1978.] Date of commencement.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1. This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 16th day of September, 1978. Commencement.

Validation of  
Electoral  
Commission.

2. The Electoral Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"), shall be deemed to have continued in office constitutionally during the period extending from the 16th day of September, 1978 to the 19th day of November, 1981, and any act, matter or thing done in the execution of its duties or functions at any time before the 18th day of November, 1981, and notwithstanding the expiration of the term of office of any of its members or of any member having attained the age of sixty-five years during that period, shall be deemed to be and always to have been good and valid; and the Commission is hereby discharged, freed and indemnified from all legal proceedings of any kind whatsoever, whether Civil or Criminal in respect or in consequence of any act, matter or thing done as aforesaid, if such act, matter or thing is done in good faith or done or purported to be done in the execution of its duties or functions while the Commission exists or purports to exist during the period aforesaid.

Members of  
Electoral  
Commission  
discharged  
and indemni-  
fied from  
legal  
proceedings.

3. Every member of the Commission shall be and is hereby discharged, freed and indemnified from all legal proceedings of any kind whatsoever whether Civil or Criminal in respect or in consequence of any act, matter or thing done by him, by sitting or acting as a member of the Commission if such act matter or thing is done in good faith or done or purported to be done in the execution of his duties or functions while holding or purporting to hold the office of member of the Commission :

Provided that the provisions of this section shall in no way affect the institution or prosecution of proceedings on behalf of the State or any Government Department or any proceedings instituted by way of Petition of Right.

Passed in Parliament this 9th day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one.

J. W. E. DAVIES,  
*Clerk of Parliament*

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

J. W. E. DAVIES,  
*Clerk of Parliament*