

WHEREAS a referendum of voters was held on the 20th June, 1969, for the purpose of determining the opinion of the voters on the following questions—

- (a) whether the voters are in favour of or against the adoption of a republican form of government for Rhodesia; and 5
- (b) whether the voters are in favour of or against the proposals for a new Constitution for Rhodesia as set out in White Paper (C.S.R. 32—1969) which were published in a *Gazette Extraordinary* on the 21st May, 1969; 10

AND WHEREAS the voters of Rhodesia are in favour of the adoption of a republican form of government for Rhodesia and are in favour of the above-mentioned constitutional proposals;

AND WHEREAS the Legislature of Rhodesia was empowered by the Constitution Amendment (No. 2) Act, 1969, to enact such laws as may be deemed necessary or desirable to give effect to the wishes of the voters of Rhodesia: 15

BE IT ENACTED by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, as representative of the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Rhodesia, as follows:— 20

CHAPTER I

HEAD OF STATE

The President. 1. There shall be a President in and over Rhodesia who shall be Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Rhodesia. 25

Powers and duties of President. 2. The President shall have such powers and duties as are conferred or imposed upon him by or under this Constitution or any other law of the Legislature.

Appointment of President. 3. (1) The President shall be appointed by the Executive Council. 30

(2) A person holding public office who is appointed as the President shall vacate such public office with effect from the date on which he is so appointed.