STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 714

ASSOCIATED STATES

The Dominica Constitution (Amendment) Order 1971

Made - - - -	30*th April* 1971
Coming into Operation	1*st July* 1971

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 30th day of April 1971

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a resolution in the terms set out in the Schedule to this Order was unanimously passed in the House of Assembly of the Associated State of Dominica on 12th February 1971:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 5(4) of the West Indies Act 1967(**a**) is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Dominica Constitution (Amendment) Order 1971.

(2) This Order shall be construed as one with the Dominica Constitution Order 1967(**b**) and this Order and that Order may be cited together as the Dominica Constitution Orders 1967 and 1971.

(3) This Order shall come into operation on 1st July 1971.

2. Section 26(2) of the Constitution of Dominica is amended by the deletion from paragraph (*a*) of the words "twenty-one years" and the substitution of the words "eighteen years".

W. G. Agnew.

(**a**) 1967 c. 4.

(**b**) S.I. 1967/226 (1967 I, p. 456).

SCHEDULE

Whereas section 26(2) of the Constitution Order 1967 provides that every Commonwealth Citizen of the age of twenty-one years or upwards who possesses such qualifications relating to residence or domicile in Dominica as Parliament may prescribe, shall, unless he is disqualified by Parliament from registration as a voter for the purposes of elections of elected members of the House of Assembly, be entitled to be registered as such a voter under any law in that behalf, and no other person may be so registered;

And whereas section 26 is one of the sections of the Dominica Constitution Order entrenched by the provisions of section 34 of the said Constitution Order;

And whereas section 5(4) of the West Indies Act 1967 provides that where the Constitution of an Associated State provided by a Constitution Order has come into effect, Her Majesty may at any time by Order in Council made at the request and with the consent of that State, alter that Constitution or any part of that Constitution or alter any law which alters that Constitution or any part of it;

And whereas this Honourable House considers it desirable that the voting age should be lowered from twenty-one to eighteen years;

Be it resolved that this Honourable House approves that an approach be made requesting that Her Majesty may be graciously pleased by Order in Council made at the request and with the consent of the State of Dominica to alter the provisions of section 26 of the Dominica Constitution Order, so that the age of voting prescribed in that section may be reduced from twenty-one to eighteen years.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which is made at the request and with the consent of the Associated State of Dominica, alters the minimum age for registration as a voter for the purposes of elections to the House of Assembly of Dominica from twenty-one years to eighteen years.