

# **Supreme Court (Rules of Procedure) Bill**

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **PART 1—PRELIMINARY**

*Clause 1* sets out the purpose of the Act.

*Clause 2* sets out the commencement provisions.

*Clause 3* provides that the *Supreme Court Act 1958* is called the Principal Act.

### **PART 2—VALIDATION OF NEW COURT RULES**

*Clause 4* validates the General Rules of Procedure in Civil Proceedings conditionally made by the Judges of the Supreme Court on 18 March 1986.

*Clause 5* makes certain amendments to the Court's rule-making power consequential upon validation.

### **PART 3—AMENDMENTS CONSEQUENTIAL ON NEW COURT RULES**

*Clause 6* makes certain consequential amendments.

*Paragraph (a)* makes certain amendments which will ensure that the new Rules of Procedure over ride any contrary provision in another Act or subordinate or other instrument.

*Paragraph (b)* removes the distinction between court and chambers.

