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An Act to enable the Standing Committees on Private Bills of the Legislative Council and Assembly, to examine witnesses on oath.

THEREAS it will be highly conducive to the ends of justice, Preamble. that the Standing Committees on Private Bills of the Legislative Council and Assembly, shall have the power to examine witnesses on oath; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The Standing Committees on Private Bills of the Legislative The Said Council and Assembly, shall have full power and authority to examine Standing on oath any person who may be summoned or appear before such Com-Committees mittees, to give evidence on any Bill or matter referred to or pending witnesses on before such Committees; and such oath shall be administered by the oath. 10 Chairman or Presiding Officer, for the time being, of such Committees,

respectively; and any person wilfully giving false testimony on oath on Perjury. any such examination before any such Committee, shall, on conviction, be subject to all the fines and penalties affixed by law to the crime of perjury.