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A Bill

for

An Act to amend the *Constitution Act 1867*, the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* and the *Local Government Act 2009* to provide for a People's House in the Parliament of Queensland

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The Parliament of Queensland with the consent of the electors of Queensland enacts—	1 2
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1	Short title	4
	This Act may be cited as the <i>People’s House Act 2011</i> .	5

Part 2	Amendment of Constitution Act 1867	6 7
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2	Act amended	8
	This part amends the <i>Constitution Act 1867</i> .	9

3	Insertion of new s 1AA	10
	After section 1—	11
	<i>insert—</i>	12

‘1AA	People’s House	13
	‘There shall be within the said Colony of Queensland a People’s House.’.	14 15

4	Amendment of s 2 (Legislative Assembly constituted)	16
(1)	Section 2, heading, after ‘Assembly’—	17
	<i>insert—</i>	18
	‘and People’s House’.	19
(2)	Section 2, after ‘Assembly’—	20

	<i>insert—</i>	1
	‘and House’.	2
5	Amendment of s 2A (The Parliament)	3
(1)	Section 2A(1), from ‘the Queen’—	4
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	5
	‘the Queen, the Legislative Assembly and the People’s House referred to in sections 1, 1AA and 2.’.	6
		7
(2)	Section 2A(2), after ‘Assembly’—	8
	<i>insert—</i>	9
	‘and People’s House’.	10
6	Amendment of s 53 (Certain measures to be supported by referendum)	11
		12
	Section 53(1), after ‘sections 1,’—	13
	<i>insert—</i>	14
	‘1AA,’.	15
Part 3	Amendment of Constitution of Queensland 2001	16
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7	Act amended	18
	This part amends the <i>Constitution of Queensland 2001</i> .	19
8	Amendment of s 7 (Legislative Assembly)	20
(1)	Section 7, heading, after ‘Assembly’—	21
	<i>insert—</i>	22

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	‘and People’s House’.	1
(2)	Section 7—	2
	<i>insert—</i>	3
‘(2)	The <i>Constitution Act 1867</i> , section 1AA provides for a People’s House in Queensland.’.	4 5
9	Insertion of new s 9A	6
	After section 9—	7
	<i>insert—</i>	8
‘9A	Powers, rights and immunities of People’s House	9
‘(1)	The powers, rights and immunities of the People’s House and its members are the powers, rights and immunities defined under an Act.	10 11 12
‘(2)	In this section—	13
	<i>rights</i> includes privileges.’.	14
10	Insertion of new s 10A	15
	After section 10—	16
	<i>insert—</i>	17
‘10A	Members of People’s House	18
	‘The People’s House is to consist of elected representatives of Queensland local governments and town authorities.’.	19 20
11	Insertion of new s 11A	21
	After section 11—	22
	<i>insert—</i>	23
‘11A	Number of members of People’s House	24
‘(1)	The People’s House is to consist of 45 members.	25
‘(2)	Forty-three of the members are to be the mayors of the local governments mentioned in schedule 1A, part 1.	26 27

‘(3) One of the members is to be the chairperson of the Weipa Town Authority.	1 2
‘(4) One of the members is to be the mayor of the local government mentioned in schedule 1A, part 2 that has the highest population.	3 4 5
‘(5) For subsection (4), the population of each local government is to be worked out by reference to the results of the most recent Census of Population and Housing published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.’.	6 7 8 9
12 Insertion of new sch 1A	10
Before schedule 1—	11
<i>insert—</i>	12
‘Schedule 1A Local governments for membership of People’s House	13 14 15
section 11A(2) and (4)	16
‘Part 1	17
Brisbane	18
Gold Coast	19
Moreton Bay	20
Sunshine Coast	21
Logan	22
Townsville	23
Cairns	24
Ipswich	25
Toowoomba	26

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Redland	1
Mackay	2
Rockhampton	3
Fraser Coast	4
Bundaberg	5
Gladstone	6
Gympie	7
Tablelands	8
Scenic Rim	9
Lockyer Valley	10
Southern Downs	11
Whitsunday	12
South Burnett	13
Western Downs	14
Cassowary Coast	15
Central Highlands	16
Isaac	17
Somerset	18
Mount Isa	19
Burdekin	20
Banana	21
Maranoa	22
Charters Towers	23
Hinchinbrook	24
Goondiwindi	25
North Burnett	26
Torres Strait Island	27

Murweh	1
Balonne	2
Longreach	3
Cook	4
Torres	5
Barcaldine	6
Cloncurry	7

'Part 2	8
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Yarrabah	9
Northern Peninsula Area	10
Palm Island	11
Carpentaria	12
Blackall-Tambo	13
Paroo	14
Flinders	15
Winton	16
Doomadgee	17
Cherbourg	18
Aurukun	19
Kowanyama	20
Mornington	21
Quilpie	22
Woorabinda	23
Napranum	24
Richmond	25
McKinlay	26

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	Etheridge	1
	Hope Vale	2
	Pormpuraaw	3
	Lockhart River	4
	Burke	5
	Boulia	6
	Bulloo	7
	Wujal Wujal	8
	Barcoo	9
	Diamantina	10
	Croydon	11
	Mapoon’.	12
Part 4	Amendment of Local Government Act 2009	13
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13	Act amended	15
	This part amends the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> .	16
14	Amendment of s 12 (Responsibilities of councillors)	17
	Section 12(4)—	18
	<i>insert—</i>	19
	‘(j) any other responsibility given to the mayor under another Act.’.	20
		21

15	Amendment of s 155 (Disqualification because of other high office)	1
		2
	Section 155(2)—	3
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	4
	‘(2) A <i>government member</i> is—	5
	(a) a member of a Parliament of the Commonwealth or another State; or	6
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	(b) a member of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland; or	8
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	(c) a councillor of a local government of another State.’.	10