

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Draft Bills.

No. S. 342.—The following bill, which it is proposed to introduce into the Legislative Council on the 3rd November, is published for general information. This is an amended draft of the bill which was published in the Gazette of the 19th September, 1924.

[No. 18 :—29.10.24.—3.]

• C.S.O. 2 in 4307/10.

A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to amend the Crown Solicitors Ordinance, 1912.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Crown Solicitors Amendment Ordinance, 1924.

Amendment of Ordinance No. 35 of 1912, s. 2 (1). 2. Section 2 (1) of the Crown Solicitors Ordinance, 1912, is amended by the addition at the end thereof of the words, "The number of Assistant Crown Solicitors shall not be limited."

Amendment of section 3 (2) of Ordinance No. 35 of 1912. 3. Section 3 (2) of the Crown Solicitors Ordinance, 1912, is repealed and the following sub-section is substituted therefor:—

(2) Any person duly appointed and acting as Crown Solicitor, and any person duly appointed and acting as an Assistant Crown Solicitor who is qualified for appointment as Crown Solicitor, shall be entitled to appear on behalf of the Attorney General and prosecute persons at the criminal sessions.

Objects and Reasons.

1. The object of clause 3 of this bill is to enable any Assistant Crown Solicitor to prosecute at the criminal sessions provided that he is a barrister or solicitor.

2. The opportunity is taken, in clause 2, to make it clear that there may be more Assistant Crown Solicitors than one. For special reasons it is proposed that there shall be two Assistant Crown Solicitors for a few months next winter.

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3rd September, 1924.