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**An Act relating to the Codification of His Majesty's Privy
Council**

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BE IT ENACTED, by the Office of the Prime Minister of the Dominion of Carolusburg, with the advice and consent of the Royal Carodian Parliament thereof, as follows:

The Privy Council in the Constitution

1. “ Whereas the Dominion of Carolusburg holds and maintains the privileges of civil and hereditary positions that may assemble to form the Royal Parliament, the Crown may assemble the Privy Council, a council of selected nobles, military officers and members of the Stefanic clergy. His Loyal Privy Council may assemble once a month, to discuss the state of the Dominion, to discuss the inevitabilities of problematic issues within their jurisdiction and with the consent of the King. This Privy Council is assembled as an advisory board, and does not have the ability to produce legislation, propose bills, or force the Crown to deliver Royal Edicts, but may deliver binding votes that the King may veto when the Royal Parliament is dissolved.

Eligibility of Privy Council Membership

2. All members in the Dominion of Carolusburg are eligible to be granted entry to HM Privy Council. This includes the lowest ranks and civilians, members of Parliament and more. However, it is custom that HM the King appoints members of the Peerage, trusted advisors, and more to the Council. Upon appointment to HM Privy Council, all Privy Counsellors must swear the Oath of the Privy Council:

I, [name], do solemnly and sincerely declare that I shall be a true and faithful servant to His Majesty the King Carolus II (or specify simply to The Crown) as a member of His Majesty's Privy Council. I will in all things to be treated, debated and resolved in the Privy Council, faithfully, honestly and truly declare my mind and my opinion. I shall keep secret all matters committed and revealed to me in this capacity, or that shall be secretly treated in Council. Generally, in all things I shall do as a faithful and true servant ought to do for His Majesty.

HM the King will appoint a Governor-General to guide the motions of the Council.

The Organisation of the Privy Council

3. The Privy Council shall consist of three committees with varying roles, purposes and makeups. These three committees shall be known as His Majesty's Advisory Committee, His Majesty's Executive Committee and His Majesty's Household Committee.

The **Advisory Committee** is the most senior committee of the Privy Council and shall consist of the most esteemed advisors of the Crown. The purpose, hence the name, is to advise the monarch on all necessary policy updates. During monthly meetings of the Advisory Committee, all Counsellors are required to prepare a report of a minimum of one page detailing their concerns, recommendations and advice.

The **Executive Committee** is the second committee of the Privy Council and is informally known as the Cabinet. The Executive Committee is chaired by the Prime Minister of Carolusburg, who takes the role of President of the Executive Committee (though is never called this in any official documentation.) The Executive Committee prepares policy changes through their powers as Ministers of the Royal Government, of which the monarch agrees or disagrees with.

The most junior committee is the **Household Committee**, which is in charge of all forms of ceremony, pomp, circumstance and etiquette. It is in charge of all the traditions that make the Dominion of Carolusburg special, along with the rigid social structure and classes

In charge of the entire Privy Council is the Governor-General, who directly oversees both the Advisory and Household Committee (unless delegated to another in an Acting status), and informally oversees the Executive Committee. The Governor-General, henceforth referred to as simply President, is signified by a large white rod of office. The Governor-General is directly appointed by His Majesty to serve at His pleasure.

Meeting Grounds of the Privy Council

4. The Council is much akin to an itinerant court, allowing the Council to move freely from place to place, residence to residence, to debate, resolve and discuss matters of state. HM the King however declares that the following residences be ranked in precedence.

- a) Escora Hall, public palace of HM the King

Perks of Privy Council Membership

5. All members of HM Privy Council are eligible for the following perks and benefits to be awarded to them:

- a) The right to the post nominals *PC*;
- b) The style *The Right Honourable* for the remainder of their time in Sarovia;
- c) Each Privy Counsellor has the right of personal access to the Crown. Peers were considered to enjoy this right individually; members of the House of Commons possess the right collectively. In each case, personal access may only be used to tender advice on public affairs.

Procedure of the Privy Council

6. The Privy Council is assembled by either HM the King or the President of the Privy Council on the 1st of every month. Meetings may happen more regularly. All members of the Privy Council shall enter the chamber and sit. Once a quorum is reached (3 members), HM the King will enter, and all members of the Council shall stand behind their seat. The Counsellors will bow until the Emperor sits, and address him in the proper style.

The President shall read out a list of the orders of the day, and this reading out shall take no longer than 5 minutes. The goal of the President is to ensure the meeting of the Privy Council takes no longer than 30 minutes and the President may not introduce his own topics. Once the President is done, HM the King will simply say “Proceed.” The first speaker will speak, with the Emperor granting or denying approval, and then the next speaker will speak, so on and so forth until all have spoken. Once all have spoken, the President will ask the Emperor if all situations are resolved satisfactorily. If his answer is yes, the Privy Council is adjourned and the Counsellors bow as HM the King leaves. If the answer is no, the meeting will enter a debate period, chaired by the President.

Customs of the Privy Council

7. The following are the customs, conventions and traditions of HM Privy Council for future reference, and all are expected to be followed:

- a) All Privy Counsellors are expected to stand and not sit when HM the King is in the room;
- b) All Privy Counsellors are expected to bow to HM the King when he enters the Chamber;
- c) All Privy Counsellors will go clockwise from the Crown and spend no more than 3 minutes outlining their issues and/or report. A physical copy may be made and handed to HM the King consisting no more than three pages;

- d) All Privy Counsellors are expected to wear a full white tie outfit to the meeting, complete with top hats and all, or their Privy Council Civil uniform;
- e) HM the King, if given a request by a member of HM Privy Council, will simply say “Approved” or “Denied”. He may offer a more elaborate response should he need to, though an approval or denial is necessary to proceed.