

**House of Assembly—No 138**

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South Australia

**Summary Offences (Disrespectful Conduct in Court) Amendment Bill 2016**

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Summary Offences Act 1953*.

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## The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

### Part 1—Preliminary

#### 1—Short title

- 5 This Act may be cited as the *Summary Offences (Disrespectful Conduct in Court) Amendment Act 2016*.

#### 2—Amendment provisions

In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

### Part 2—Amendment of *Summary Offences Act 1953*

#### 10 3—Insertion of Part 11A

After Part 11 insert:

#### **Part 11A—Disrespectful conduct in court**

##### **60—Disrespectful conduct in court**

- 15 (1) A person who, during proceedings before a court, engages in disrespectful conduct is guilty of an offence.  
Maximum penalty: \$1 250 or imprisonment for 3 months.
- (2) In this section—  
20 ***court*** includes a tribunal, authority or person invested by law with judicial or quasi-judicial powers, or with authority to make any inquiry or to receive evidence;  
***disrespectful conduct*** includes—
  - 25 (a) refusing to stand up after being requested to do so by the court; and
  - (b) using offensive or threatening language; and
  - (c) yelling; and

- (d) interfering with or undermining the authority, dignity or performance of the court.