

BILL NO. 30 OF 2018

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FIJI TEACHERS REGISTRATION ACT 2008

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Fiji Teachers Registration (Amendment) Act 2018.
- (2) This Act comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

Section 4 amended

2. Section 4 of the Fiji Teachers Registration Act 2008 is amended by deleting subsection (1) and inserting the following new subsections—

“(1) This section establishes the Fiji Teachers Registration Board consisting of a chairperson and 8 other members appointed by the Minister.

(1A) The members shall be persons who, in the opinion of the Minister, have adequate qualifications, skills, expertise and knowledge to contribute to the functions of the Board under this Act, and in particular for the development of the teaching profession, education standards, and general administration and financial management of the Board.”.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Bill and is intended only to indicate its general effect)

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Fiji Teachers Registration Act 2008 (**‘Act’**) empowers the Minister responsible for education (**‘Minister’**) to appoint members of the Fiji Teachers Registration Board (**‘Board’**).
- 1.2 The Fiji Teachers Registration (Amendment) Bill 2018 (**‘Bill’**) seeks to amend the Act to enable the Minister to appoint members of the Board based on merit and to reduce the number of the members of the Board from 14 to 9 for the purposes of efficiency and practicality in the operation of the Board.

2.0 CLAUSES

- 2.1 Clause 1 of the Bill provides for the short title and commencement. If passed by Parliament, the amending legislation will come into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
- 2.2 Clause 2 of the Bill amends section 4 of the Act by deleting subsection (1) and inserting a new subsection (1) and (1A) to allow the Minister to appoint members of the Board who, in the opinion of the Minister, have adequate qualifications, skills, expertise and knowledge to contribute to the functions of the Board under the Act, and in particular for the development of the teaching profession, education standards, and general administration and financial management of the Board.

3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 3.1 The Act comes under the responsibility of the Minister responsible for education.

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