

BILL NO. 29 OF 2026

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT 2014

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

- 1.—**(1) This Act may be cited as the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2026.
- (2) This Act comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
- (3) In this Act, the Electoral Act 2014 is referred to as the “Principal Act”.

Section 2 amended

- 2.** Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by—
- (a) deleting the definition of “corrupt practice” and substituting the following—

““corrupt practices” has the meaning given under section 163(1) of the Constitution;”; and
 - (b) inserting the following new definitions—

““corrupt electoral practice” means any of the corrupt practices or an offence for which the penalty is prescribed in section 135A(1);”;

“discarded ballot paper” means a ballot paper that is found in the polling station regardless of whether it has been completed or not;”; and

“illegal electoral practice” means an illegal practice or offence for which the penalty is prescribed in section 135A(2);”.

Section 6 amended

- 3.** Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting subsections (1B) and (1C).

Section 13 amended

- 4.** Section 13(3) of the Principal Act is amended after “office” by inserting “for the purpose of that decision”.

Section 23 amended

- 5.** Section 23 of the Principal Act is amended after subsection (7) by inserting the following new subsection—

“(8) A person nominated as a candidate must continue to meet the eligibility criteria under this section after he or she has been nominated.”.

Section 24 amended

- 6.** Section 24(3) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 30 amended

- 7.** Section 30(2)(d) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “statutory”.

Section 52 amended

- 8.** Section 52(4) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or to both” and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”.

Section 53 amended

- 9.** Section 53 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (9) after “device”, inserting “except assistive learning or speaking devices”; and
- (b) in subsection (11), deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 60 amended

- 10.** Section 60(4) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 62 amended

- 11.** Section 62(3) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

*Section 63 amended***12.** Section 63 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) in the chapeau, deleting “In the 48 hour period prior to polling day and on” and substituting “On”; and
 - (ii) deleting paragraph (b);
- ~~(b) after subsection (2), inserting the following new subsection—~~

~~“(2A) For the purpose of subsection (2), “campaign” does not include the display of a party or candidate name, logo, symbol or acronym.”;~~
- ~~(cb)~~ after subsection (4), inserting the following new subsection—

“(4A) In this section, “100 metre radius” means the 100 metre radius or such other boundary limit as determined by the Electoral Commission in accordance with Rules of the Electoral Commission.”;
- ~~(dc)~~ in subsection (6), deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”; and
- ~~(ed)~~ deleting “300 metre radius” wherever it appears and substituting “100 metre radius”.

*Section 67 amended***13.** Section 67 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (7)—
 - (i) in paragraph (d)(ii), deleting “or”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (e)—
 - (A) after “work”, inserting “, family or other significant”; and
 - (B) after “day”, deleting “.” and substituting “; or”; and
 - (iii) after paragraph (e), inserting the following new paragraph—

“(f) any other ground approved by the Electoral Commission.”; and
- (b) in subsection (8)—
 - (i) deleting “statutory”; and
 - (ii) after “applicant”, inserting “that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, the information in the application is true”.

Section 82A inserted

14. The Principal Act is amended after section 82 by inserting the following new section—

“Notice of pre-poll

82A.—(1) The notice of pre-poll published by the Electoral Commission under section 82(3) must also be published on the website and social media platform of the Fijian Elections Office, and broadcast on radio.

(2) The Supervisor may authorise a departure from the schedule set out in the notice of pre-poll only—

- (a) if an interrupting event occurs; or
- (b) in any other circumstance approved by the Electoral Commission; and
- (c) if the requirements set out in subsection (3) are complied with.

(3) When the Supervisor authorises a departure under subsection (2), the departure from the pre-poll schedule and the reason for it must be—

- (a) promptly published on the website and social media platform of the Fijian Elections Office, and be broadcast on radio where practicable;
- (b) promptly notified to political parties, independent candidates, observers and the media, by the most practicable means;
- (c) promptly advised to the Electoral Commission; and
- (d) reported in the joint post election report submitted under section 14.

(4) For the purposes of this section, “interrupting event” means—

- (a) any *force majeure* event as defined in section 2;
- (b) any request by a village or other venue for the postponement of pre-poll voting; and
- (c) any other circumstance that in the opinion of the Supervisor delays or interrupts the ability of election officials to deploy to or remain at a pre-poll venue.”.

Section 83 amended

15. Section 83(16) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”.

Section 89 amended

16. Section 89(6) of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) deleting “conduct a” and substituting “instruct or conduct the”; and
- (b) after “box”, inserting “for quality assurance and notwithstanding any provision in this Act, an official undertaking of a recount may overturn a previous decision of the presiding officer”.

Section 91 amended

17. Section 91(1)(c) is amended after “papers” by inserting “and discarded ballot papers,”.

Section 100 amended

18. Section 100(1)(c) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “rejected” and substituting “discarded”.

Section 102A amended

19. Section 102A of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “continuously” and substituting “periodically”.

Section 105 amended

20. Section 105(2) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “party list” wherever it appears and substituting “Final National Results Tally”.

Section 110 amended

21. Section 110(2) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 110A amended

22. Section 110A(8) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 111 amended

23. Section 111(3) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 112 amended

24. Section 112(4) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 113 amended

25. Section 113(5) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”.

Section 114 amended

26. Section 114 of the Principal Act is amended by—

(a) after subsection (1), inserting the following new subsection—

“(1A) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a political party, candidate or their representative may provide a voter or voters—

(a) free transportation directly to or from the polling venue to which the voter is assigned; and

- (b) free refreshments for immediate consumption during the journey or outside the 100 metre radius at the polling venue,

provided that the political party, candidate or their representative does not influence or attempt to influence a person's vote.”; ~~and~~

- (c) after subsection 1(A), inserting the following new subsection—

“(1B) A candidate, save for voting purposes, must not be present in, or within the immediate vicinity of, any shed, tent, or other structure erected for the purpose of gathering persons on polling day.”; and

- (~~ed~~) in subsection (2), deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”.

Section 115 amended

27. Section 115 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (1) after “matter”, inserting “unless in compliance with the Rules of the Electoral Commission”; and
- (b) after subsection (2), inserting the following new subsections—

“(2A) The Supervisor may direct any person, organisation or entity, including a person employed or engaged by any such person, organisation or entity, to amend or cancel an activity that does not comply with the Rules issued by the Electoral Commission.

(2B) A person, organisation or entity directed under subsection (2A) to amend or cancel an activity may appeal the decision of the Supervisor to the Electoral Commission within 3 days of the Supervisor's decision, and the Electoral Commission must issue its decision within 3 days thereafter.”.

Section 116 amended

28. Section 116 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (4B), deleting “and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”;
- (b) deleting subsections (4C) and (4D); and
- (c) in subsection (5), deleting “, (4) or (4C) commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “or (4) commits an offence which is a corrupt electoral practice”.

Section 118 amended

29. Section 118 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (1), deleting “During the 48 hour period prior to the polling day and on” and substituting “On”;
- (b) deleting subsection (2); and
- (c) in subsection (4), deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 135A inserted

30.—(1) The Principal Act is amended after section 135 by inserting the following new section—

“Penalties for corrupt electoral practice and illegal electoral practice

135A.—(1) Any person who commits an offence which is a corrupt electoral practice is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or to a fine not exceeding—

- (a) \$100,000 in the case of a political party;
- (b) \$40,000 in the case of a candidate or polling agent; or
- (c) \$10,000 in any other case,

or to both fine and imprisonment, and is disqualified from registering on the National Register of Voters for a period of 4 years.

(2) Any person who commits an offence which is an illegal electoral practice is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding—

- (a) \$40,000 in the case of a political party;
- (b) \$20,000 in the case of a candidate or polling agent; or
- (c) \$5,000 in any other case.”.

Section 136 amended

31. Section 136 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”.

Section 137 amended

32. Section 137 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (1), deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”; and
- (b) in subsection (3), deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 138 amended

33. Section 138 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (1), deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”; and
- (b) in subsection (2), deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 139 amended

34. Section 139 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” wherever it appears and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”.

Section 140 amended

35. Section 140 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” wherever it appears and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”.

Section 141 amended

36. Section 141 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”.

Section 142 amended

37. Section 142 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”.

Section 143 amended

38. Section 143 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 144 amended

39. Section 144 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or to both” wherever it appears and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 144A amended

40. Section 144A(4) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or both” and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”.

Section 145 amended

41. Section 145 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 146 amended

42. Section 146 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection 1(d), deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”; and
- (b) deleting “300 metre radius” wherever it appears and substituting “100 metre radius”.

Section 147 amended

43. Section 147(1) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “300 metre radius” wherever it appears and substituting “100 metre radius”.

Section 148 amended

44. Section 148 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or to both” wherever it appears and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 149 amended

45. Section 149 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subsection (1), deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”; and
- (b) in subsections (2) and (3), deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years, or to both” wherever it appears and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”.

Section 150 amended

46. Section 150 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) deleting paragraph (c); and
- (b) deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 155 amended

47. Section 155(1) of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in paragraph (ca), deleting “by political parties and candidates”;
- (b) in paragraph (e), after “;”, deleting “and”; and

- (c) in paragraph (f) deleting “.” and substituting “; and”; ~~and~~
~~(d) after paragraph (f), inserting the following new paragraph—~~
~~“(g) the conduct of a referendum.”.~~

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ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2026

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 Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2026 (**‘Bill’**) seeks to amend the Electoral Act 2014 (**‘Act’**) to ease the restrictions for campaigning, categorises electoral offences and removes provisions that disenfranchise the participation of voters in the electoral process.
- 1.2 The Bill also modernises and simplifies the voting process by allowing assistive and learning devices for those who rely on these devices to cast their vote.
- 1.3 Furthermore, the Bill makes amendments that respond to some of the 2025 electoral law consultations conducted by the Fiji Law Reform Commission.

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 2 of the Act and introduces the definition of new key terms as a result of amendments made to sections 91 and 100, and insertion of new section 135A of the Act.
- 2.3 Clause 3 of the Bill amends section 6 of the Act to ensure that the power of the Supervisor of Elections (**‘SOE’**) is not misused and does not have a real or perceived impact on free political debates.
- 2.4 Clause 4 of the Bill amends section 13 of the Act to better clarify the process for declaring a conflict of interest by the Electoral Commission, SOE and electoral officials. In the situation of a conflict of interest, the person does not resign but can step down from participating in the decision to which the conflict of interest relates.

- 2.5 Clause 5 of the Bill amends section 23 of the Act to specify and ensure that in the event a vacancy arises, the next available candidate from the National Results Tally must continue to meet the prescribed eligibility criteria.
- 2.6 Clause 6 of the Bill amends section 24 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 24 as an illegal electoral practice.
- 2.7 Clause 7 of the Bill amends section 30 of the Act by removing the requirement for a statutory declaration to be made when raising an objection.
- 2.8 Clause 8 of the Bill amends section 52 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 52 as a corrupt electoral practice.
- 2.9 Clause 9 of the Bill amends section 53 of the Act by ensuring that persons with disabilities who use assistive learning or speaking devices are not caught out in the prohibited use of electronic devices in a polling station. Clause 9 of the Bill also categorises the offence under section 53 as an illegal electoral practice.
- 2.10 Clause 10 of the Bill amends section 60 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 60(4) as an illegal electoral practice.
- 2.11 Clause 11 of the Bill amends section 62 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 62(3) as an illegal electoral practice.
- 2.12 Clause 12 of the Bill amends section 63 of the Act to reduce the campaign boundary from a radius of 300 metres to 100 metres or to a limit as determined by the Electoral Commission. It also removes the 48-hour backout period prior to polling day. Clause 12 of the Bill also amends section 63 to categorise the offences under section 63 as illegal electoral practices.
- 2.13 Clause 13 of the Bill amends section 67 of the Act to extend eligibility for postal voting to voters who are absent from their polling station due to family or other significant commitments and provide for the Electoral Commission to approve additional grounds for postal voting. Clause 13 of the Bill also removes the requirement for statutory declarations for postal voting.
- 2.14 Clause 14 of the Bill amends the Act by inserting a new section 82A to accommodate changes in the schedule caused by any of the following i.e. an interrupting event:
- (a) any *force majeure* event;
 - (b) any request by a village or other venue for the postponement of pre-poll voting; or
 - (c) any other circumstance that in the opinion of the Supervisor delays or interrupts the ability of election officials to conduct pre-poll voting or to remain at a pre-poll venue.

- 2.15 Clause 15 of the Bill amends section 83 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 83(16) as a corrupt electoral practice.
- 2.16 Clause 16 of the Bill amends section 89 of the Act to authorise the SOE to undertake a recount of any ballot box for quality assurance purposes.
- 2.17 Clause 17 of the Bill amends section 91 of the Act to include in the count any discarded ballot papers.
- 2.18 Clause 18 of the Bill amends section 100 of the Act to ensure that all ballot papers are accounted for after the count which includes discarded ballot papers.
- 2.19 Clause 19 of the Bill amends section 102A of the Act to address the risks inherent when continuously publishing provisional results throughout the counting process. Instead, the total number of votes for candidates is to be published periodically throughout the tabulation process.
- 2.20 Clause 20 of the Bill amends section 105 of the Act to reflect that it is the Final National Results Tally that is used which sets out the number of votes for each candidate.
- 2.21 Clause 21 of the Bill amends section 110 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 110(2) as an illegal electoral practice.
- 2.22 Clause 22 of the Bill amends section 110A of the Act to categorise the offence under section 110A(8) as an illegal electoral practice.
- 2.23 Clause 23 of the Bill amends section 111 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 111(3) as an illegal electoral practice.
- 2.24 Clause 24 of the Bill amends section 112 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 112(4) as an illegal electoral practice.
- 2.25 Clause 25 of the Bill amends section 113 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 113(5) as a corrupt electoral practice.
- 2.26 Clause 26 of the Bill amends section 114 of the Act to allow for a political party, candidate or their representative to provide free transportation to and from a polling venue, food or refreshments to voters provided that they do not influence or attempt to influence a person's vote. Clause 26 of the Bill also categorises the offence under section 114(2) as a corrupt electoral practice.
- 2.27 Clause 27 of the Bill amends section 115 of the Act to enable the Electoral Commission to regulate campaign activities for organisations under section 115. Clause 27 also empowers the SOE to direct that an activity be cancelled or amended if it does not comply with the Electoral Commission Rules. It also provides a right of appeal to the Electoral Commission when a person does not accept the decision of the SOE.

- 2.28 Clause 28 of the Bill amends section 116 of the Act to categorise the offences under section 116(4B) and (5) as an illegal electoral practice and a corrupt electoral practice, respectively. Clause 28 of the Bill also allows for a level playing field for all parties to campaign by removing the costing of financial commitments.
- 2.29 Clause 29 of the Bill amends section 118 of the Act to remove the 48 hour black out period prior to polling day. Clause 29 also categorises the offence under section 118(4) as an illegal electoral practice.
- 2.30 Clause 30 of the Bill amends the Act by inserting a new section 135A which provides categorises for all electoral offences as either a corrupt electoral practice or an illegal electoral practice, with clearly defined penalties for each category.
- 2.31 Clause 31 of the Bill amends section 136 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 136 as a corrupt electoral practice.
- 2.32 Clause 32 of the Bill amends section 137 of the Act to categorise the offences under section 137(1) and (3) as a corrupt electoral practice and an illegal electoral practice, respectively.
- 2.33 Clause 33 of the Bill amends section 138 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 138(1) and (2) as a corrupt electoral practice and an illegal electoral practice, respectively.
- 2.34 Clause 34 of the Bill amends section 139 of the Act to categorise the offences under section 139 as corrupt electoral practices.
- 2.35 Clause 35 of the Bill amends section 140 of the Act to categorise the offences under section 140 as corrupt electoral practices.
- 2.36 Clause 36 of the Bill amends section 141 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 141 as a corrupt electoral practice.
- 2.37 Clause 37 of the Bill amends section 142 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 142 as a corrupt electoral practice.
- 2.38 Clause 38 of the Bill amends section 143 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 143 as an illegal electoral practice.
- 2.39 Clause 39 of the Bill amends section 144 of the Act to categorise the offences under section 144 as an illegal electoral practice.
- 2.40 Clause 40 of the Bill amends section 144A of the Act to categorise the offence under section 144A as a corrupt electoral practice.
- 2.41 Clause 41 of the Bill amends section 145 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 145 as an illegal electoral practice.

- 2.42 Clause 42 of the Bill amends section 146 of the Act to reduce the 300 metre radius to 100 metres as a consequence to the amendment made to section 63. Clause 42 also categorises the offence under section 146 as an illegal electoral practice.
- 2.43 Clause 43 of the Bill amends section 147 of the Act to reduce the 300 metre radius to 100 metres as a consequence to the amendment made to section 63.
- 2.44 Clause 44 of the Bill amends section 148 of the Act to categorise the offences under section 148 as illegal electoral practices.
- 2.45 Clause 45 of the Bill amends section 149 of the Act to categorise the offences under section 149(1), (2) and (3) as an illegal electoral practice and corrupt electoral practice, respectively.
- 2.46 Clause 46 of the Bill amends section 150 of the Act to remove the prohibition on campaigns conducted at educational institutions. Clause 46 also categorises the offence under section 150 as an illegal electoral practice.
- 2.47 Clause 47 of the Bill amends section 155 of the Act to empower the Electoral Commission to make Rules relating to the conduct of a referendum.

3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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

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Acting Attorney-General