

ACT NO. 35 OF 2026

I assent.

RATU N. T. LALABALAVU
President

[2 October 2026]

AN ACT**TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL (REGISTRATION OF VOTERS) ACT 2012**

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Electoral (Registration of Voters) (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 (Registration of Voters) Act 2012 is referred to as the “Principal Act”.

Section 2 amended

2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following new definitions—

““corrupt electoral practice” has the meaning given to it under section 2 of the Electoral Act 2014;”;

““Corrupt Electoral Practices List” means the Corrupt Electoral Practices List under section 19G;”;

““illegal electoral practice” has the meaning given to it under section 135A(2) of the Electoral Act 2014;”.

Section 3 amended

3. Section 3(2)(b) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “have a mental disorder” and substituting “be persons with psychosocial disabilities”.

Section 4 amended

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

Section 12 amended

5. Section 12(1) of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in paragraph (c)(iii), deleting “have a mental disorder” and substituting “be persons with psychosocial disabilities”; and
- (b) deleting paragraph (f) and substituting the following—
 - “(f) remove the name of any person who has been entered on the Corrupt Electoral Practices List or has otherwise been disqualified from registration as a voter under a law relating to electoral offences;”.

Section 19C amended

6. Section 19C(2) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 19F amended

7. Section 19F 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 10 years or both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 19G inserted

8. The Principal Act is amended after section 19F by inserting the following new section—

“Corrupt Electoral Practices List

19G.—(1) Where the Supervisor is satisfied that a person who is registered or who applies for registration as a voter has, within the immediate preceding period of 4 years—

- (a) been convicted of a corrupt electoral practice under any electoral law or a category A offence under the Electoral (Local Government Elections) Regulations 2026; or
- (b) been reported by the Court of Disputed Returns on the trial of an election petition as guilty of a corrupt electoral practice under any electoral law or a category A offence under the Electoral (Local Government Elections) Regulations 2026,

the Supervisor must enter the name, voter number, residence, and description of that person if necessary, and particulars of the conviction or report, on the Corrupt Electoral Practices List.

(2) The Supervisor must remove the name of a person from the Corrupt Electoral Practices List at the expiration of 4 years from the date of the conviction or report under subsection (1).”.

Passed by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji this 1st day of October 2026.