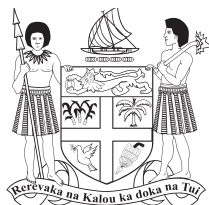


ACT NO. 36 OF 2026

I assent.

RATU N. T. LALABALAVU
President

[2 October 2026]

AN ACT**TO AMEND THE POLITICAL PARTIES (REGISTRATION, CONDUCT, FUNDING
AND DISCLOSURES) ACT 2013**

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) (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 Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) Act 2013 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;” and

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

Section 3 amended

3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by—

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

Section 5 amended

4. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and sentenced to imprisonment for a period of not less than 6 months” wherever it appears and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice”.

Section 14 amended

5. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or to both” wherever it appears and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 17 amended

6. Section 17 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both” wherever it appears and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 18 amended

7. Section 18(4) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

Section 22 amended

8. Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following—

“(2) Any person who is a Fijian citizen or a former Fijian citizen shall not make any political donation to a political party or to a candidate for election to Parliament (or to any person on behalf of the political party who is involved in the administration of the affairs of the political party including any office holder of the political party, or to any person on behalf of the candidate) of an amount exceeding \$20,000 in any one year (whether to one or more registered political parties or candidates).”; and

- (b) deleting subsections (4), (5), and (6).

Section 24 amended

9. The Principal Act is amended by deleting section 24 and substituting the following—

“Campaign expenditure limits

24.—(1) During the period commencing on the first day of the campaign period as prescribed under the Electoral Act 2014 until the sixtieth day after the polling day—

- (a) a candidate (whether an independent candidate or a political party candidate) must not spend more than \$100,000 on his or her election campaign; and
- (b) a political party must not spend more than \$4,000,000 on its election campaign.

(2) The expenditure limits set out in subsection (1) include—

- (a) any income pledged, or expenditure incurred outside the prescribed period for use within the prescribed period; and
- (b) any gift given by a candidate (whether an independent candidate or a political party candidate) or political party during the campaign period to a village or community group as a protocol (or similar) solely to obtain permission to enter the territory of a village or community group, and such gift must be included in the declarations made under section 25.

(3) Any gift that is given to a village or community group and declared in accordance with section 25 is not bribery within the meaning of section 140 of the Electoral Act 2014.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision in this Act, a political party or candidate (whether an independent candidate or a political party candidate) that breaches the expenditure limits set out in subsection (1), commits an offence which is a corrupt electoral practice.”.

Section 25 amended

10. Section 25 of the Principal Act is amended by—

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

“(1B) A candidate (whether elected to Parliament or not) must, not later than the sixtieth day after the polling day, provide to the Registrar the following information in writing—

- (a) the amount of money received by him or her from the commencement of the campaign period until the sixtieth day after the polling day;

(b) the amount and source of donation received by him or her from the commencement of the campaign period until the sixtieth day after the polling day; and

(c) the campaign expenditure from the commencement of the campaign period until the sixtieth day after the polling day.”; and

(b) after subsection (3), inserting the following new subsection—

“(4) Any person who contravenes subsection (1B) commits an offence which is a corrupt electoral practice.”.

Section 26 amended

11. Section 26(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 26A amended

12. Section 26A(3) of the Principal Act is amended by—

(a) in the chapeau, deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction—” and substituting “which is a corrupt electoral practice.”; and

(b) deleting paragraphs (a) and (b).

Section 27 amended

13. Section 27(1) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both” and substituting “which is an illegal electoral practice”.

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