BILL NO. 39 OF 2026

A BILL

FOR 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) (No. 2) 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 4 amended

2. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (5).

Section 10 amended

3. Section 10(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 5 years, or to both" and substituting "which is an illegal electoral practice".

Section 15 amended

4. Section 15(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 21 amended

5. Section 21 of the Principal Act is amended by—

(a) in subsection (4), deleting "and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine equal to the amount or the value of the resources not disclosed or in relation to which false information was given, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both" and substituting "which is a corrupt electoral practice"; and

(b) in subsection (5), deleting "and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine equal to the amount or the value of the resources not disclosed or in relation to which false information was given, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both" and substituting "which is a corrupt electoral practice".

Section 22 amended

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

(a) in subsection (1), 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 a corrupt electoral practice"; and

(b) in subsection (13)—

(i) after "subsections" insert "(2), (3),"; and

(ii) 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 23 amended

7. Section 23(1) of the Principal Act is amended in the chapeau by deleting "its" and substituting "the".

Section 25 amended

8. Section 25(1B) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting "sixtieth" wherever it appears and substituting "thirtieth".

Section 27 amended

9. Section 27(1) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting "an illegal" and substituting "a corrupt".

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POLITICAL PARTIES (REGISTRATION, CONDUCT, FUNDING AND DISCLOSURES) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) 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 Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2026 (**'Bill'**) seeks to amend the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) Act 2013 (**'Act'**) to further categorise electoral offences that were omitted in the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) (Amendment) Act 2026.

1.2 The Bill also amends the timeframe for financial disclosures by candidates.

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 (5) which is no longer relevant.

2.3 Clause 3 of the Bill amends section 10 of the Act to categorise the offence as an illegal electoral practice.

2.4 Clause 4 of the Bill amends section 15 of the Act to categorise the offence under section 15 as an illegal electoral practice.

2.5 Clause 5 of the Bill amends section 21 of the Act to categorise the 2 offences as corrupt electoral practices.

2.6 Clause 6 of the Bill amends section 22 of the Act to categorise the 2 offences as a corrupt electoral practice and illegal electoral practice respectively, and to include a breach of subsections (2) and (3) in the category for illegal electoral practices.

2.7 Clause 7 of the Bill amends section 23 of the Act by ensuring that it is consistent with the financial year that is defined in the Act.

2.8 Clause 8 of the Bill amends section 25 of the Act to clarify the disclosure timeframes and to ensure consistency with the other reporting timeframes in the Act.

2.9 Clause 9 of the Bill amends section 27 of the Act to categorise the offence as a corrupt electoral practice, to be consistent with the comparable offence in section 136 of the Electoral Act 2014.

3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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

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