



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) ACT 2024

No. 17 of 2024

An Act to amend the *Electoral Act 2016* and for other related purposes.

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Enacted by the Parliament of Nauru as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Electoral (Amendment) Act 2024*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the date it is certified by the Speaker.

3 Amendment of the Electoral Act 2016

The *Electoral Act 2016* is amended by the provisions of this Act.

4 Amendment of Section 42

Section 42 is amended by inserting a new subsection (4) as follows:

‘(4) Where an application for transfer is made under subsection (1)(e)(i) on the ground of Nauruan custom, customary links and affiliation, the Electoral Commission shall:

- (a) process the application based on all the information provided;
- (b) make a recommendation to either grant or reject the application to the Cabinet;
- (c) approve or reject the application under Section 45 after considering any recommendation from the Cabinet; and
- (d) make its decision in respect of this criterion within 21 days of receiving the application notwithstanding Section 45(4).’.

5 Amendment of Section 47

Section 47(1)(a) is amended by deleting ‘6 months’ and substituting with ‘4 years’.

6 Amendment of Section 59

Section 59(2A) is amended by deleting ‘60 days’ and substituting with ‘12 months’.

7 Amendment of Section 135A

- (1) Section 135A(1) is amended by deleting ‘270 days’ and substituting with ‘12 months’.
- (2) Section 135A(3) is amended by deleting ‘300 days’ and substituting with ‘13 months’.