



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025

No. of 2025

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Electoral Act 2016* and for other related purposes.

Certified: []

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Enacted by the Parliament of Nauru as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2025*.

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 23

Section 23 is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting with new subsection (1) as follows:

‘(1) An Electoral Commissioner may be removed from the office by the Cabinet on the grounds of incapacity, negligence, incompetence, misconduct or failure to maintain confidentiality.’

5 Amendment of Section 42

Section 42 is amended:

(a) in subsection (1), by deleting paragraph (e) and substituting with new paragraph (e) as follows:

‘(e) the Roll in respect of a District in which the Cabinet has considered and granted that the applicant has substantial connection through:

(i) Nauruan custom, customary links and affiliation;

(ii) birth by either his or her parent in that District;

(iii) the registration for any electoral purposes of either his or her parent in that District; or

(iv) his or her spouse being born in that District or registered for the purposes of this Act in that District.’;

(b) by deleting subsection (4) and substituting with new subsection (4) as follows:

‘(4) Where an application for transfer is made under subsection (1)(e), the Electoral Commission shall:

(a) process the application based on all the information provided;
and

(b) within 14 days of the receipt of the application, submit the application to the Cabinet to make a decision to grant or reject the application.’; and

(c) by inserting a new subsection (5) as follows:

‘(5) A decision in respect of an application under subsection (1)(e) shall be made by the Cabinet within 14 days of the receipt of the application from the Electoral Commission under subsection (4).’

6 Amendment of Section 136

Section 136(a) is amended by inserting ‘or transfer’ after ‘registration’.