

**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**  
**ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016**  
**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The *Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2016* is a Bill for the *Electoral (Amendment) Act 2016*.

**EXPLANATION OF CLAUSES**

**Clause 1** provides that, once enacted, the short title of the Bill will be the *Electoral (Amendment) Act 2016*.

**Clause 2** sets out when the Bill's provisions will commence.

**Clause 3** is an interpretation provision defining the key words used in the Bill and for this Amendment Bill the key term defined is Principal Act which means the Electoral Act 2016.

**Clause 4** is the enabling provisions for the amendment of the *Electoral Act 2016*.

**Clause 5** amends section Section 39 of the principal Act by the addition/ insertion of 3 new subsections, namely subsections "(4)", "(5)" and "(6)". The new subsection "(4)", provides that a person who is registered automatically based on the Register kept by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, and who is entered in the Roll of the District shown in his or her birth certificate, may apply for the transfer of his or her registration to another District based on the eligibility criteria set out in Section 42 of the Principal Act. The second new subsection, subsection "(5)" states that any application made must be in the form of Form 2 in Schedule 2. The third new subsection, subsection "(6)", provides that an application made under the new subsection "4" is exempt from payment of a transfer fee.

**Clause 6** amends section 24 by substituting the number 14 for the number 7 so that the gazettal period for the appointment of Deputy Electoral Commissioners which is 7 days.

**Clause 7** repeals section 25 (2) so that the gazettal of appointment of the Deputy Electoral Commissioner is only dealt with under section 24.

**Clause 8** amends Section 58 of the Principal Act. It brings forward by one day the time within which a candidate may withdraw his or her nomination from 7 days before the polling day to 8 days before the polling day.