

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) NO. 3 BILL 2016
SECOND READING SPEECH
Honourable Baron Divavesi Waqa MP
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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I have the responsibility of introducing to the House today a Bill for the *Electoral (Amendment) No. 3 Act 2016*.

The objective of the proposed amendment is to regulate the transfer of voters for the purposes of a by-election. It prohibits absolutely the potential of any abuse by voters by transferring from one district to another in order to vote in a by-election.

Mr Speaker, the proposed amendment will ensure two things. Firstly, that the democratic process is not frustrated, and secondly, that the rights of the people rightfully registered in each electoral district are not infringed.

The amendment does not affect voters registering for the first time, including those who have just attained the age of 20.

You will note that the Bill is accompanied by an explanatory memorandum explaining the Bill in more detail.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Bill to the House.