



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2026

No. of 2026

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Constitution of Nauru 1968* 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 *Constitution (Amendment) Act 2026*.

2 Commencement

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

3 Amendment of the Constitution of Nauru 1968

The *Constitution of Nauru 1968* is amended by the provisions of this Act.

4 Amendment of Article 18

Article 18, clause (1) is amended by:

- (a) inserting 'and a Vice President' after 'President'; and
- (b) deleting 'the' after 'and'.

5 Amendment of Article 19

Article 19 is amended by:

- (a) inserting in the Article heading 'and Vice President' after 'Ministers'; and
- (b) renumbering the current clause as clause (1); and
- (c) inserting a new clause (2) as follows:

'(2) The President shall appoint one of the Ministers as the Vice President.'

6 Amendment of Article 21

Article 21 is amended by deleting and substituting with:

'21 Provision for Vice President or Minister to act as President

- (1) The Vice President shall perform duties and exercise the functions of the President during any period which the President is unable to perform the functions and powers of the President owing to illness, absence from Nauru or any other cause.
- (2) Subject to this Constitution, Parliament shall prescribe such other functions and powers of the Vice President.
- (3) The Cabinet may appoint a Minister to perform the duties and exercise the functions of the President during any period which both the President and the

Vice President are unable to perform the functions and powers of the President owing to illness, absence from Nauru or any other cause.’.

7 Amendment of Article 23

Article 23 is amended by inserting ‘, the Vice President’ after ‘himself’.