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1967, No. 13

An Act to amend the Electoral Act 1966

(16 October 1967)

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Assembly of the Cook Islands in Session assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title - This Act may be cited as the Electoral Amendment Act 1967, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Electoral Act 1966 (in this Act referred to as the principal Act).

2. Interpretation - Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word "regulation" from the definition of the term "Resident" and substituting the word "section".

3. Tenure of office - Section 7 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding, as subsection (5), the following subsection:-

- " (5) When it appears to the Speaker that the seat of any member has become vacant pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the Speaker shall declare in writing that the seat has become vacant and the cause thereof, and shall forthwith cause that declaration to be published in the Gazette."

4. Compulsory registration of electors - Section 10 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:-

- " (1) Every person who, when any public notice is given by the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to section 28 of this Act, is qualified to be registered as an elector or who, within forty days of that public notice, becomes so qualified, shall make application as prescribed in this Part of this Act for registration as an elector within forty days of the said public notice".

5. General election: Public Notice - Section 28 of the principal Act is hereby amended by:

- (a) Omitting the number "65" from subsection (1) and substituting the number "75"; and
- (b) Omitting the number "60" from subsection (2) and substituting the number "70".

6. Arrangements for voting - Section 39 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding, as subsection (3), the following subsection:-

" (3) In addition to the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, the Returning Officer in Charge may provide in each inner compartment in a prominent position, a card showing in large print the names of all candidates listed in alphabetical order according to their surnames."

7. Voting papers - Section 40 of the principal Act is hereby amended by:

- (a) Omitting the words "that by reason of lack of" from subsection (1) and substituting the words "there is insufficient"; and
- (b) Inserting after subsection (1) the following subsection:-
- " (1a) The names of candidates appearing in form 8 shall be listed in alphabetical order according to their surnames."

8. Schedule - The Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting Form 1 and substituting the following form:-

FORM I

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ELECTOR

I hereby claim to have my name entered upon the Electoral Rolls for the _____ Constituency, and I declare that the answers to the following questions are true and correct in every particular:-

1. Full Name: _____
2. Father's Name: _____
3. Occupation: _____
4. Permanent Residential Address Tapere _____
Village _____
5. How long have you lived at your present address _____
6. In which Island Council Constituency do you live _____

7. Put a cross X in the square which applies to you.

Are you	Are you	Your date of birth
Male	Single	Your age today
Female	Married	

9. Are you a British subject _____

10. (a) Have you at some period resided continuously in the Cook Islands for 12 months or more? _____

(b) If you have not actually resided in the Cook Islands throughout the period of 3 months immediately preceding the date of this application, did you during any absence from the Cook Islands within that period intend to return to the Cook Islands and reside therein indefinitely? _____

(c) If after actually residing in the Cook Islands you have been outside the Cook Islands for a period of more than three years, were you absent from the Cook Islands for the purpose of undergoing a course of education or of technical training or instruction during the whole or substantially the whole of that period _____

If so, give details _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signed and declared by the applicant, this _____ day of _____ 19 ____.

Signature of Witness: _____

Residential address of witness: _____

Qualification of witness: _____

Electoral Officer, Police Officer, or Elector. "