

# CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 2016

## SAMOA

### Explanatory Memorandum

#### Introduction:

The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa 1960 ("Constitution"). The object of the Bill is to insert in the Constitution that Samoa is a Christian nation to declare the dominance of Christianity in Samoa.

#### Clauses:

- Clause 1: - provides for the short title and commencement of the Bill, which will commence on the date of assent.
- Clause 2: - amends Article 1 of the Constitution by inserting a new sub Article (3).



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**PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR THE**  
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**Arrangement of Provisions**

1. Short title and commencement
2. Article 1 amended

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**2016, No.**

**A BILL INTITULED**

**AN ACT to amend the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa 1960  
("Constitution").**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled  
as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement:**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Constitution Amendment Act (No.2) 2016.
- (2) This Act commences on the date of assent by the Head of State.

**2. Article 1 amended:**

For Article 1 of the Constitution, after sub Article (2), insert:

- “(3) Samoa is a Christian nation founded on God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.”.
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