CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) 2017

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 provide that a person may only hold the office of Head of State for two terms.

Clauses:

<u>Clause 1</u>: - provides for the short title and commencement of the Bill, which will commence on the date of assent.

Clause 2: - amends Article 19 of the Constitution to provide that a person who has held or currently holds the office of Head of State may only be eligible to be re-appointed once.

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PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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Arrangement of Provisions

- 1. Short title and commencement
- 2. Article 19 amended

2017, 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. 3) 2017.
- (2) This Act commences on the date of its assent by the Head of State.

2. Article19 amended:

In Article 19(2) of the Constitution, substitute:

"(2) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, a person who holds, or who has held, office as Head of State, is only eligible for reappointment to that Office once.".