



Arrangement of Provisions

1. Short title and commencement
2. Section 5 amended

2015, No. 37**AN ACT to amend the Electoral Act 1963 (“principal Act”).**

[02nd September 2015]

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 Electoral Amendment Act (No. 5) 2015.

(2) This Act commences on the date of assent by the Head of State.

2. Section 5 amended - For section 5 of the principal Act:

- (a) in subsection (3)(c) for “or satisfies village service requirements (or both)” substitute “and satisfies village service requirements”; and
- (b) for subsection (3A) substitute:

“(3A) In this section:

“community” means a community within an urban constituency;

“monotaga” means the compulsory service, assistance or contribution (such as, contribution in form of cash, kind or goods) rendered for customary, traditional or religious activities, events, function or similar purposes pursuant to the customs of a particular village;

“service” means any service, assistance or contribution (such as, contribution in form of cash, kind or goods) rendered to a community for customary, traditional or religious activities, events, function or similar purposes;

“village” means a village, from which a Matai title was conferred, within a territorial constituency;

“village service” means:

(a) monotaga rendered by a candidate in respect of one (1) or more of his or her Matai titles within the territorial constituency in which the candidate intends to stand as a candidate; or

(b) service to a community by a candidate in an urban constituency,

for a period of at least three (3) years ending on the day in which the nomination paper is lodged with the Commissioner.”.

**The Electoral Amendment Act (No. 5) 2015 is administered
by the Office of the Electoral Commissioner.**

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