

ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2024

SAMOA

Arrangement of Provisions

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2024, No.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the amendment of the Electoral Act 2019 (“principal Act”) and related purposes.

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

1. Short title and commencement - This Act may be cited as the Electoral Amendment Act 2024 and commences on the date of assent by the Head of State.

2. Section 13 amended - Section 13 of the principal Act is amended as follows:

- (a) for subsection (1), after the word “must” omit “if that person is in Samoa,”;
- (b) for subsections (2) and (3) substitute:

“(2) Despite subsection (1), a person who is qualified under section 14 may apply for registration online on the Office of the Electoral Commission’s official website.

(3) A person who applies for registration under subsection (2) must complete the registration process under section 20 before the close of rolls under section 33, before his or her name is entered on a roll.”;

(c) subsection (8) is repealed.

3. Section 23 amended - Section 23 of the principal Act is amended as follows:

(a) for subsection (1) substitute:

“(1) For each constituency, the Commissioner must compile and maintain a main roll by:

- (a) registration or re-registration or transfer of registration of an eligible voter to their place of residence or through an exemption under section 16; and
- (b) conducting re-registration of voters for each main roll to maintain a complete and accurate main roll as practicable as possible.”;

(b) after subsection (1) insert:

“(1A) The Commissioner may authorise a complete re-registration of voters every 10 years after a general election for maintenance of main rolls purposes only.”.

4. Transitional provision - At the commencement of this Act, a person registered as a voter on a main roll is required to re-apply for registration, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, at the time and place and in such manner determined by the Commissioner by Public Notice.
