



ANALYSIS

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2002, No. 8

An Act to amend the Constitution

(5 November 2002)

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament 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 Constitution Amendment (No. 25) Act 2002 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Constitution of the Cook Islands as set out in the Second Schedule to the Cook Islands Constitution Amendment Act 1965 of the Parliament of New Zealand, as amended by Acts of the Parliament of the Cook Islands (herein referred to as “the Constitution”).

2. The House of Arikis of the Cook Islands – Article 8 of the Constitution is amended by–

(a) Repealing subclause (2), and substituting the following subclause:

“(2) The House of Arikis shall comprise the following members:

- (a) The four Arikis of the islands of Aitutaki and Manuae;
- (b) The three Arikis of the island of Atiu;
- (c) The Ariki of the island of Mangaia;
- (d) The Ariki of the island of Manihiki;

- (e) The Ariki of the island of Rakahanga;
  - (f) The three Arikis of the island of Mauke;
  - (g) The three Arikis of the island of Mitiaro;
  - (h) The Ariki of the island of Penrhyn;
  - (i) The Ariki of the islands of Pukapuka and Nassau;
  - (j) The six Arikis of the island of Rarotonga”;
- and

(b) Repealing subclauses (4) and (5).

3. Qualification of electors – Article 28 of the Constitution is amended by repealing paragraph (a) of subclause (4), and substituting the following paragraph:

- “(a) Any period for which he has been—
- (i) Outside the Cook Islands for the purpose of undergoing a course of education or of technical training or instruction; or
  - (ii) Residing in the Overseas Constituency whilst being the Member of Parliament for that Constituency, – shall be disregarded.”

4. Transitional – The persons holding office as members of the House of Arikis immediately before the coming into force of this Act, shall, on the coming into force of this Act, continue to hold office as such members, subject to Article 8 of the Constitution.