

**REPUBLIC OF VANUATU**

**BILL FOR THE**

**REFERENDUM (AMENDMENT)**

**ACT NO. OF 2023**

**Explanatory Note**

This Bill provides for consequential amendments to the Referendum Act [CAP 297] arising from the new Electoral Act by deleting certain references to the Representation of the People Act and replacing them with references to the new Electoral Act.

**Minister of Internal Affairs**



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**Arrangement of Sections**

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An Act to amend the Referendum Act [CAP 297].

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

### **1 Amendment**

The Referendum Act [CAP 297] is amended as set out in the Schedule.

### **2 Commencement**

This Act commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

## SCHEDULE

### AMENDMENTS OF THE REFERENCUM ACT [CAP 297]

**1 Section 7**

Delete “Representation of the People Act [Cap. 146]”, substitute “Electoral Act No. of 2023”

**2 Section 8 (Heading)**

Delete the heading, substitute “**Application of the Electoral Act No. of 2023**”

**3 Subsections 8(1), (2), (3) and (4)**

Delete “Representation of the People Act [Cap. 146]”, substitute “Electoral Act No. of 2023”

**4 Schedule 2**

Repeal the schedule, substitute

#### “SCHEDULE 2

#### **Provisions of the Electoral Act No. of 2023 not applicable in respect of a national referendum**

- (a) Section 8;
- (b) Part 4;
- (c) Divisions 1 and 2 of Part 6;
- (d) Paragraph 64(2)(a);
- (e) Section 68;
- (f) Paragraph 80(1)(b);
- (g) Section 81;
- (h) Section 82;
- (i) Paragraph 84(a);

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- (j) Part 9;
- (k) Part 10;
- (l) Section 26;
- (m) Section 141;
- (n) Part 12;
- (o) Any other provision prescribed by the Regulations.”