

Constitutional Amendment No. 19 - Elections.

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INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

1. Compliance with Constitutional requirements.
2. Constitution, functions, etc., of Provincial governments and Local-level Governments (Amendment of Section 187C).

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Being a Law to alter the provisions of the *Constitution* relating to elections,

MADE by the National Parliament.

1. COMPLIANCE WITH CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

This Law, to the extent that it regulates or restricts a right or freedom to in Subdivision III.3.C (*qualified rights*) of the *Constitution*, namely -

- (a) the right to freedom of conscience, thought and religion conferred by Section 45 of the *Constitution*; and
- (b) the right to freedom of expression conferred by Section 46 of the *Constitution*; and
- (c) the right to vote and stand for public office conferred by Section 50 of the *Constitution*,

is a law that is made for the purpose of giving effect to the public interest in public safety, public order and public welfare.

2. CONSTITUTION, FUNCTIONS, ETC., OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS AND LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENTS (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 187C).

Section 187C of the *Constitution* is amended by adding the following new subsection:-

“(8) Elections to a Local-level Government shall be conducted, in accordance with an Organic Law, by the Electoral Commission.”.

I hereby certify that the above is a fair print of the *Constitutional Amendment No. 19 - Elections* which has been made by the National Parliament.

Clerk of the National Parliament.

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Constitution.

CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 14.

I, RABBIE NAMALIU, Speaker of the National Parliament, hereby certify that the requirements of Section 14(1), (2) and (3) of the *Constitution* were complied with in respect of the *Constitutional Amendment No. 19 - Elections* and that the law was made by the National Parliament as follows:-

- (a) the first vote was taken on 22 January 1997 when the number of seats in the National Parliament was 109 and those voting for the proposal were 73 and those voting against the proposal were 0; and
- (b) the second vote was taken on 27 March 1997 when the number of seats in the National Parliament was 109 and those voting for the proposal were 78 and none voted against the proposal.

Speaker of the National Parliament.