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*Passed by the National Parliament this second day of March 1987.*

*This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill passed by Parliament and found by me to be a true and correct copy of the said Bill.*

  
M Tuhaika  
Clerk to the National Parliament

*Assented to in Her Majesty's name and on Her Majesty's behalf this third day of April 1987.*

  
B Devesi  
Governor-General

*Date of commencement: date of publication in the Gazette.*

AN ACT to amend the National Parliament Electoral Provisions  
Act 1980 (No. 5 of 1980).

ENACTED by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands.

- Citation.** 1. This Act may be cited as the National Parliament Electoral Provisions (Amendment) Act 1987.
- Amendment of Section 2 of Act No. 5 of 1980.** 2. Section 2 of the National Parliament Electoral Provisions Act 1980 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") is amended -
- (a) in the definition of the word "election" by adding immediately after the word "Act" the expression "and includes both the nomination of candidates and the poll"; and
- (b) by adding immediately below the definition of the word "election" the following -
- " "election officer" means Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Presiding Officer and Polling Assistant".
- Addition of Section 9A.** 3. The principal Act is amended by adding immediately below section 9 the following -
- "Immunity against claims for damages.** 9A. No election officer shall be liable in any claim for damages in respect of the breach of any duty imposed upon him by this Act."
- Amendment of section 65(2).** 4. Section 65(2) of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the expression "incapable of being elected to fill the vacancy for which the election was held" the expression "disqualified for election as a member of the National Parliament for a period commencing on the date of judgment by the Court to the date of dissolution of the National Parliament following that Judgment".
- Addition of section 78A.** 5. The principal Act is amended by adding immediately below section 78 the following -
- "Offences relating to election boycotts.** 78A. Any person -
- (a) having customary authority or religious influence within any constituency or over or upon any elector residing within any constituency who, in relation to any election being held or proposed to be held within the constituency, issues or causes to be issued any prohibition, instruction, direction, order or command which, having regard to the nature and extent of such authority or influence or to the prob-

able consequences, if any, of non-compliance with the prohibition, instruction, direction, order or command, is likely to cause -

- (i) any elector residing within the constituency or who is subject to the authority or affected by the influence to desist or refrain from voting or taking part in the election; or
  - (ii) any election officer to desist or refrain from conducting the election within the constituency, or among the electors who are subject to the authority or affected by the influence; or
- (b) who publicises any prohibition direction, order or command referred to in paragraph (a) knowing that the prohibition, instruction, direction, order or command is likely to cause any elector residing within the constituency or who is subject to the authority or affected by the influence to desist or refrain from voting or taking part in the election, is guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not less than one year but not more than ten years.”.

6. The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended as follows -
- (a) in item 14, by substituting for the figure “3” the figure “8”;
  - (b) in item 22, by substituting for the figure “12” the figure “13” and by substituting for the expression “50 of 1974” the expression “77 of 1984”;
  - (c) by substituting for item 23 the following -  
“23. West Isabel Electoral Constituency.  
The area comprised by the wards 1 to 8 inclusive and ward 16 as defined in the Schedule to Legal Notice No. 103 of 1984.”;
  - (d) in item 24, by substituting for the expressions “8 to 14” and “31 of 1964” the expressions “9 to 15” and “103 of 1984” respectively;

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First  
Schedule.

- (e) by substituting for item 34 the following:  
“34. West Makira Electoral Constituency.  
The area comprised by wards 4 to 9 inclusive and ward 20 as defined in the Schedule to Legal Notice No. 82 of 1976.”; and
- (f) in item 35, by substituting for the expressions “8 to 17” and “32 of 1964” the expressions “10 to 19” and “82 of 1976” respectively.

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