



## REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

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**Assent:** 24/05/2024  
**Commencement:** 25/05/2024

## REFERENDUM (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 9 OF 2024

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 REFERENDUM ACT [CAP 297]

**1 After subsection 4(1)**

Insert

“(1A) The Electoral Commission may, on the advice of the Principal Electoral Officer, extend the timing and date of voting in specified polling stations if the Electoral Commission is satisfied that there are special circumstances in those locations.”

**2 Section 7**

Repeal the section, substitute

**“7 Persons eligible to vote in a national referendum**

(1) A person is eligible to vote in a national referendum if that person:

- (a) is 18 of age or more; and
- (b) is a naturalised or indigenous citizen of Vanuatu; and
- (c) is in possession of a National ID.

(2) To avoid doubt, a person who is not registered in the electoral roll is eligible to vote at a national referendum.”

**3 Subsection 8(2)**

Repeal the subsection.