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KO E LAO FAKAANGAANGA KI HA LAO KE FAKATONUTONU 'A E
KUPU 9(2) 'O E LAO KI HE FILI FALE ALEA [VAHE 2.03]

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2 Fakatonutonu 'a e kupu 9

'Oku fakatonutonu 'a e kupu 9(2) 'o e Tefito'i Lao 'aki hono tamate'i 'a e fika "50"
pea fetongi 'aki 'a e fika "10".

Na'e tali 'e he Fale Alea 'i he 'aho ni 'o 2023.

FAKAMATALA FAKAMAHINO

(‘Oku ‘ikai hoko ‘a e ngaahi fakamatala ni ko ha konga ‘o e Lao Fakaangaanga pea ‘oku taumu’a pe ke fakamatala’i hono ngaue’aki mo e taumu’a)


Ko e fakatonutonu ‘oku fokotu’u ki he kupu 9 (Kau Kanititeiti) ‘o e Lao ki he Fili Fale Alea [Vahe 2.03]. Ko e tefito’i taumu’a ‘o e fakatonutonu ke fakasi’isi’i ‘a e tokolahi ‘o e kau fokotu’u ‘oku fiema’u ‘e he kanititeiti mei he toko 50 ki he toko 10. ‘Ko e fika lolotonga ‘oku ‘ikai ke tatau ia mo e ngaahi founa ngāue lolotonga lelei ki he fili.

‘Oku fakatā’aki eni, ‘i Nu’usila ‘oku fiema’u ‘e he kanititeiti ha taha fili lesisita pe ‘e 2 ‘i he ‘ene vahenga fili ke poupu’i ‘a hono fokotu’u ia. Na’e fakasi’isi’i mo e tokolahi ‘o e kau fokotu’u ki he fili ‘o ha ‘Ofisa Fakavahefonua pe ‘Ofisa Kolo ki he kau fili lesisita pe ‘e toko 10 ‘e he Lao (Fakatonutonu) ki he Kau ‘Ofisa Fakavahefonua mo e Kau ‘Ofisa Kolo 2019, ‘a ia na’e fiema’u kimu’a ‘e he kanititeiti ‘Ofisa Fakavahefonua ‘a e poupu’i ‘o ha kau fili lesisita ‘e 30.

‘Oku hā ‘i heni ‘a e ngaahi fakatonutonu –

9 Kau Kanititeiti

- (1) ‘I he ‘aho pe ngaahi ‘aho pea ‘i he feitu’u kuo fokotu’u kuo pau ke ‘i ai ‘a e kau ‘ofisa fai fili ‘i he vaha’a ‘o e ngaahi houa ko e 10 pongipongi mo e 3 efiafi ‘o tali ‘a e fokotu’u ‘o ha kanititeiti kuo ‘osi fakangofua totonu pe kau kanititeiti ki he sea pe ngaahi sea ke fakafonu.¹
- (2) Ko e kanititeiti kotoa pe kuo pau ke fokotu’u mai ‘i he tohinima ‘o fakatatau mo e Foomu 4 ‘o e Tepile kuo fakamo’oni ai ‘a e toko ~~50~~10 ko e kau fili kuo fakangofua ki he vahenga fili ko ia. Kuo pau ke loto ‘a e kanititeiti ki he fokotu’u pea ke ne fai ‘a e fakahā ‘i ai ‘i he tohinima ‘aki ‘ene fokotu’u ‘ene fakamo’oni hingoa ki he pepa fokotu’u. Fakatatau ki he kupu 65 ‘o e Konisitūtone, ‘e ngofua ke fili ha kanititeiti ko ha kanititeiti pe ‘i he vahenga fili ‘a ia kuo ne lēsisita ko e taha fili ‘i ai.²


Hon. Samiu Kuita Vaipulu
Minisita Lao mo e Pilisone



¹ Fakatonutonu ‘e he Lao 13 ‘o e 2010

² Fakatonutonu ‘e he Lao 15 ‘o e 1992, 13 ‘o e 2010 mo e 46 ‘o e 2010



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**ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL
2023**



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ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9(2) OF THE ELECTORAL ACT [CAP 2.03]

BE IT ENACTED by the King and Legislative Assembly of Tonga in the Legislature of the Kingdom as follows:

1 Short Title and Interpretation

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Electoral (Amendment) (No.2) Act 2023.
- (2) In this Act, the Electoral Act [Cap 2.03], as amended, shall be referred to as the "Principal Act".

2 Section 9 amended

Section 9(2) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the number "50" and replacing it with the number "10".

Passed by the Legislative Assembly on this day of 2023.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

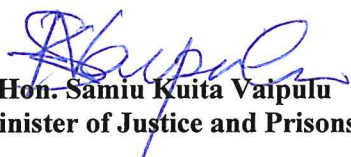
(These notes do not form part of the Bill and are intended only to explain its scope and purpose)

The proposed amendment is to section 9 (Candidates) of the Electoral Act [Cap 2.03]. The main purpose of the amendment is reduce the number of proposers that the Parliamentary candidate requires from 50 to 10. The Electoral Commission considers that the current number is not in line with the current electoral best practice.

For example, in New Zealand a candidate requires only 2 registered electors in his constituency to support his nomination. Similarly, the number of proposers for election of a District or Town Officer was reduced to 10 electors by the District and Town Officer (Amendment) Act 2019, whereas previously a District Officer candidate had required the support of 30 registered electors.

The amendments are seen below –

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| <p>9 Candidates</p> <p>(1) On the day or days and at the place fixed, the returning officers shall attend between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and receive the nomination of any duly qualified candidate or candidates for the seat or seats to be filled.¹</p> <p>(2) Every candidate shall be nominated in writing in accordance with Form 4 of the Schedule signed by 5010 persons who are qualified electors for that electoral constituency. The candidate shall assent to the nomination and make the declaration therein in writing by fixing his signature to the nomination paper. In accordance with clause 65 of the Constitution, a candidate may nominate as a candidate only in the electoral constituency where he is registered as an elector.²</p> |
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Hon. Samiu Kuita Vaipulu
Minister of Justice and Prisons



¹ Amended by Act 13 of 2010

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