

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI (No. 3 of 2016)

I assent, Beretitenti 09/09/2016

AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROADCASTING AND PUBLICATION AUTHORITY ORDINANCE (CAP. 6A)

Commencement: 2016

MADE by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and assented to by the Beretitenti

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Broadcasting and Publications Authority (Amendment) Act 2016.

Amendment of section 3.

2. Section 3 of the Broadcasting and Publications Authority Ordinance is amended at subsection (2) by adding a new paragraph after paragraph (b) to read-

"(c) to ensure that programmes or advertisements carrying political views and opinions that are different from those of the Government and not in breach of any provision of this Ordinance are allowed and not unreasonably barred, restricted or delayed."

Explanatory Memorandum

The Act seeks to provide for a politically balanced broadcasting service which takes into account the different political views and opinions of people in a truly democratic state. This is done by amending section 3 of the Broadcasting and Publications Authority Ordinance. This is part of the ongoing political evolution in Kiribati now recognizing the important roles that the Opposition and other major parties as well as the people supporting such parties play towards a balanced and good governance of Kiribati.

Teburoro Tito MP (Member for South Tarawa)

CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK OF THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

This printed impression of the Broadcast and Publication Authority Act 2016 has been carefully examined by me with the Bill which passed the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on the 7th September 2016 and is found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

Eni Tekanene

Clerk of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu

Sentenber 2015. Eni Tekanene Clerk of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu