

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI

(No. 4 of 2013)

Lassent,

Beretitenti

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1984

Commencement: 2013

Made by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and assented to by the Beretitenti.

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Local Government (Amendment) Act 2013.

2. Meaning of the principal Act

The Principal Act means the Local Government Act 1984.

3. Amendment of section 15

Section 15 of the principal Act is amended by -

- (i) inserting a new subsection after subsection (3) which will read as follows and renumbering the rest accordingly -
- "(4) The election to the office of mayor shall be conducted 2 weeks after the second round of elections for councilors and shall be conducted such that whoever gets the most number of votes in that election shall be declared elected. The provisions of the proviso of section 25 and section 26 of the Election Regulations shall not apply to an election to the office of mayor."

- (ii) in subsection (4) by inserting a new paragraph at the end of paragraph (b) which shall read as follows –
- "(c) If the number of nominations is more than 4, an election by secret ballot shall be held by the council and the 4 nominations who receive the greatest number of votes shall stand nominated and shall contest the election for mayor."

Explanatory Memorandum

The objects of this Act are as follows -

- (1) Section 15 (3) is amended such that
 - (a) the election for mayor shall be carried out 2 weeks after the second round of elections for councilors so as to cut down on cost to Government and the candidates.
 - (b) whoever gets the most number of votes in the election to the office of mayor shall be declared elected without the need for a second round.
- (2) Section 15 (4) is amended to allow for nominations for the position of mayor. The procedure is that if the number of nominations is more than 4 the council shall carry out a secret ballot to select the 4 candidates to contest the election for mayor.

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5th October 2012

CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK OF THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

This printed impression of the Local Government (Amendment) Act 2013 has been carefully examined by me with the Bill which passed the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on the 26th April 2013 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

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