THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1997

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(NO. 3 OF 1997)
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(AMENDMENT) ACT 1997

Passed by the National Parliament this twenty second day of May 1997.

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.

Elizabeth Andresen
Deputy Clerk to National Parliament

Assented to in Her Majesty's name and on Her Majesty's behalf this
Twenty fifth day of June 1997.

Moses Puiangara Pitakaka
Governor-General

Date of commencement: date of publication in the gazette.

AN ACT To Amend the National Parliament Electoral Provisions Act
1980.

ENACTED by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands.
THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT ELECTORAL PROVISIONS
(AMENDMENT) ACT 1997

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section:

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 4 of Act No.5 of 1980.
3. Amendment of section 25.
5. Amendment of section 37.
6. Amendment of section 44.
1. This Act may be cited as the National Parliament Electoral Provisions (Amendment) Act, 1997.

2. Section 4 of the National Parliament Electoral Provisions Act 1980 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”) is hereby amended by inserting therein immediately after subsection 2) the following as subsection (3) -

"(3) In addition to the Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers appointed pursuant to subsections (1) and (2), there shall be appointed by the Commission for each province an Electoral Manager. Each Electoral Manager shall be responsible for the coordination of all the elections being conducted in all the constituencies of that province and shall be answerable to the Commission on all matters relating to elections.

3. Section 25 of the principal Act is hereby amended in subsection (1) by deleting therefrom the words "domicile of origin is" and substituting therefor the words "parents or either of the parents are or were permanently residing".

4. Section 26 of the principal Act is hereby amended in subsection (1) by deleting the words "five hundred dollars" and substituting therefor the words "two thousand dollars".

5. Section 37(b) of the principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects -

(a) by deleting the word "and" that appears at the end of subparagraph (iii);
(b) by inserting at the end of subparagraph (iv) the word "and"; and
(c) by inserting immediately after subparagraph (iv) the following new subparagraph as subparagraph (v) -

"(v) he shall make a mark with indelible ink on the little finger of the elector’s left hand or if such finger is missing on any other finger on his left hand. If all the fingers on his left hand are missing the mark shall be made on any finger of his right hand."

6. Section 44 of the principal Act is hereby amended in subsection (2) by deleting the words "seven thousand dollars" and substituting therefor the words "fifty thousand dollars".