

**SAMOA**

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1998, No. 3**AN ACT to amend the Ministry of Women Affairs Act 1990.**  
(19 June 1998)

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement-**(1) This Act may be cited as the Ministry of Women Affairs Amendment Act 1998 and shall be read with and form part of the Ministry of Women Affairs Act 1990 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

(2) This Act shall come into force on the date it is assented to by the Head of State.

**2. Definition of Appointed Members-**(1) Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the definition of "Elected Members" and substituting the following:

"Appointed Member" means a member of the Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to the provisions of sections 12 and 13 of the Act."

(2) Each reference in the Act to an "elected member" shall be amended to "appointed member".

**3. Membership of the Advisory Committee** - Section 12 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

**"12. Members of the Advisory Committee** - The members of the Advisory Committee shall be -

- (a) The Minister, who shall be Chairperson;
- (b) The Secretary; and
- (c) Fifteen women from Upolu, Manono and Apolima appointed under section 13 of this Act; and
- (d) Fifteen women from Savaii appointed under section 13 of this Act."

**4. Appointment of Advisory Committee** - Section 13 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

**"13. Appointment of thirty members of the Advisory Committee-**(1) The appointed members of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed by Cabinet, acting on the advice of the Minister.

(2) The appointed members shall hold office for two years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment."

**5. Functions and Powers of Advisory Committee** - Section 14 of the principal Act is hereby amended by changing the title of the heading to "Functions and Powers of Advisory Committee" and adding the following subsections:

"(2) The Advisory Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate to them such responsibilities as it determines.

(3) The appointed members shall comprise sub-committees to represent their respective areas and may discharge any specific responsibilities given to them by the Advisory Committee.

(4) The Chairperson for each of the sub-committees referred to in subsection (3) shall be appointed by the Minister."

**6. Meetings of the Advisory Committee** - Section 15 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced with the following:

**"15. Meetings of the Advisory Committee-**(1) The Advisory Committee shall meet not less than three times each year at times and places determined by the Minister.

(2) The Minister shall preside as Chairperson at all meetings of the Advisory Committee, and in the Minister's absence the meeting shall be presided over by a member designated by the Minister.

(3) The quorum shall be twenty (20) members present and no meeting of the Advisory Committee shall be held unless there is a quorum.

(4) At each meeting of the Advisory Committee the presiding Chairperson shall be entitled to a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

(5) Every question before any meeting of the Advisory Committee shall be determined by a majority of votes of members present and voting thereon.

(6) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Advisory Committee shall determine its own procedure."

**7. Consequential Repeal** - The Schedule to the principal Act is repealed.