

ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCIES BILL 2018

SAMOA

Explanatory Memorandum

1.0 Object and reasons:

- 1.1 The Bill seeks to repeal the Constituencies Act 1963 and to replace with the Electoral Constituencies Act 2018.
- 1.2 The objects of the Bill are:
- (a) to repeal the Constituencies Act 1963;
 - (b) to prescribe 51 electoral constituencies for the purpose of Article 44(1) of the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa 1960;
 - (c) to prescribe the names of the 51 electoral constituencies that comprise of villages and sub-villages as specified in the Schedule.

Clauses:

- Clause 1: - provides for the short title and commencement. This Act commences on the day the Head of State dissolves the Legislative Assembly pursuant to Article 63(4) of the Constitution.
- Clause 2: - provides that the 51 electoral constituencies' are prescribed in the Schedule. The electoral constituencies comprise of villages and sub-villages as specified in the Schedule.
- Clause 3: - repeals the Constituencies Act 1963.
- Clause 4: - provides for the transitional provision.

- Schedule:** - prescribes the 51 electoral constituencies comprising of particular villages and sub-villages.

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