

**SAMOA**

Arrangement of Provisions

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**2002, No. 18**

**AN ACT to amend the Parliamentary Pension Scheme Act 1998 to make provisions for Members of the Council of Deputies.** *[22<sup>nd</sup> August 2002]*

**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 Parliamentary Pension Scheme Amendment Act 2002 and shall be read with and form part of the Parliamentary Pension Scheme Act 1998 (the “principal Act”)

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

**2. Members of Council of Deputies to be members of the Plan** – Section 2 of the principal Act is amended -

- (a) By inserting after the section designation ‘2’, the subsection designation ‘(1)’; and
- (b) By inserting the following subsections.
  - “(2) Members of Council of Deputies as defined by Article 25 of the Constitution shall be regarded as members of the Plan.
  - (3) The Act shall be interpreted and applied, with such adaptations and modifications as necessary, to enable Members of the Council of Deputies to be treated in an equivalent manner to Members of Parliament.
  - (4) The Board is empowered to make such adaptations and modifications to the Act and the Plan as are necessary to:
    - (a) Ensure that Members of the Council of Deputies contribute to the Plan in an equivalent manner to Members of Parliament; and
    - (b) Enable the Board to pay Members of the Council of Deputies such benefits as the Board deems equivalent to the benefits which Members of Parliament are entitled to under the Plan.”

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