

# CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

## SAMOA

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2018, No.

### A BILL INTITULED

**AN ACT to amend the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa 1960 (“Constitution”).**

**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 Constitution Amendment Act 2018.
- (2) Except for section 4 which commences on the date of assent of the Head of State, this Act commences on the day the Head of State dissolves the Legislative Assembly pursuant to Article 63(4) of the Constitution.

**2. Article 44 amended:**

- (1) Article 44, clauses (1)(a), (aa), and (b) of the Constitution are substituted with the following new clause:

“(1) Subject to the provisions of this Article, the Legislative Assembly shall consist of one member elected for each of 51 electoral constituencies having names, and comprising of villages or sub-villages as are prescribed from time to time by Act.”; and

- (2) Article 44(3) is amended by substituting the words:
  - (a) “electors” with “voters”; and
  - (b) “territorial or urban” with “electoral”.

**3. Article 109 amended:**

Article 109(1) is amended by substituting the word “territorial” with “electoral”.

**4. Transitional provision:**

The 51 electoral constituencies prescribed by Act are lawfully recognized at the commencement of this Act only for the purpose of the compilation of rolls for the electoral constituencies as prescribed by Act.

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