

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

BILL FOR THE DECENTRALIZATION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. OF 2020

Explanatory Note

This Bill amends the Decentralization Act [CAP 230] (“the Act”).

The Act was amended last year requiring Councillors to resign before contesting a national election and provided that the runner up candidates would take up the vacant seats of any Councillor who has resigned to contest a national election.

That amendment was done in consideration of the costs required to cover for by-elections.

However, the Government intends to uphold the original legal provision in the Act to conduct a by-election when a seat is vacant in the Council.

Minister of Internal Affairs



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An Act to amend the Decentralization Act [CAP 230].

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

1 Amendment

The Decentralization Act [CAP 230] is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF THE DECENTRALIZATION ACT [CAP 230]

1 Section 18CA

Repeal the section.