

# **REPUBLIC OF VANUATU**

## **BILL FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. OF 2020**

### **Explanatory Note**

This Bill amends the Municipalities Act [CAP 126] (“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**



**REPUBLIC OF VANUATU**

**BILL FOR THE  
MUNICIPALITIES (AMENDMENT)  
ACT NO. OF 2020**

**Arrangement of Sections**

<b>1</b>	<b>Amendment .....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Commencement.....</b>	<b>2</b>

# REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

## **BILL FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. OF 2020**

An Act to amend the Municipalities Act [CAP 126].

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

### **1 Amendment**

The Municipalities Act [CAP 126] 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 MUNICIPALITIES ACT [CAP 126]**

#### **1 Section 10A**

Repeal the section.