

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

BILL FOR THE TEACHING SERVICE (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. OF 2024

Explanatory Note

This Bill amends the Teaching Service Act No. 38 of 2013 (“the Act”).

Currently, the position of Chairperson of the Teaching Service Commission (“the Commission”) is publicly advertised before a person can be appointed to the position of Chairperson. Furthermore, where the Chairperson is unable to perform his or her functions due to illness, absence or any other reason, the members of the Commission are to designate another member to perform the functions of the Chairperson.

Given recent difficulties being faced by the Ministry of Education with cooperating with an Acting Chairperson, the Government has decided to change the provisions of the Act relating to Acting Chairperson and Chairperson to empower the President to appoint from amongst the members of the Commission, on the recommendation of the Minister, a Chairperson of the Commission.

This amendment will also allow the Government to ensure that Government policies are being carried out by the Commission.

Minister of Education and Training



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An Act to amend the Teaching Service Act No. 38 of 2013.

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

1 Amendment

The Teaching Service Act No. 38 of 2013 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 TEACHING SERVICE ACT NO. 38 OF 2013

1 Section 4 (Definition of “Chairperson”)

Delete “5”, substitute “7”

2 Paragraph 5(2)(a)

(a) Delete “a Chairperson and”

(b) Delete “four other”, substitute “5”

3 Subsection 5(7)

Repeal the subsection.

4 Subsection 5(8)

Delete “Chairperson or”

5 Section 7

Repeal the section, substitute

“7 Chairperson of the Commission

The President is, on the recommendation of the Minister, to appoint a Chairperson from amongst the members of the Commission.”