

# REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

## BILL FOR THE STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT NO.      OF 2025

### Explanatory Note

The Bill provides for the amendments to the following Acts:

- (a) Disaster Recovery and Resilience Act No. 17 of 2024;
- (b) Electoral Act No. 16 of 2023;
- (c) Financial Dealers Licensing Act [CAP 70];
- (d) Foreign Services Act No. 20 of 2013;
- (e) Judicial Services and Courts Act [CAP 270].

Item 1 amends the **Disaster Recovery and Resilience Act No. 17 of 2024**.

This amendment provides for an additional function of the National Recovery Committee to develop Standard Operating Procedures for the National Recovery Operations Centre.

Item 2 amends the **Electoral Act No. 16 of 2023**.

This amendment repeals section 135 relating to ‘Transitional Regulations’ and section 144 relating to ‘Application’.

Item 3 amends the **Financial Dealers Licensing Act [CAP 70]**.

This amendment redefines the term “key person” to include alternate compliance officer, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief technology officer, compliance officer and shareholder.

Item 4 amends the **Foreign Services Act No. 20 of 2013**.

This amendment removes the requirement for the Minister to submit the name of the person whom is to be appointed as a Consul General to the Council of Ministers and the requirement for the Council of Ministers to provide its approval.



Item 5 amends the **Judicial Services and Courts Act [CAP 270]**.

This amendment increases the age of a judge to hold office from the age of 65 to 72.

**Prime Minister**





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An Act to provide for the amendments to certain Acts.

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

### **1      Amendment**

The following Acts are amended as set out in the Schedule:

- (a) Disaster Recovery and Resilience Act No. 17 of 2024;
- (b) Electoral Act No. 16 of 2023;
- (c) Financial Dealers Licensing Act [CAP 70];
- (d) Foreign Services Act No. 20 of 2013;
- (e) Judicial Services and Courts Act [CAP 270].

### **2      Repeal of the Act**

- (1) This Act is repealed on the day following the day on which all provisions of this Act have commenced.
- (2) The repeal of this Act does not, because of the operation of section 11 of the Interpretation Act [CAP 132], affect any amendments made by this Act.

### **3      Commencement**

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



## SCHEDULE

### MINOR AMENDMENTS

#### **1 DISASTER RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE ACT NO. 17 OF 2024**

##### **Paragraph 4(h)**

Delete “.”, substitute “; and

- (i) to develop Standard Operating Procedures for the National Recovery Operations Centre; and”

#### **2 ELECTORAL ACT NO. 16 OF 2023**

##### **Sections 135 and 144**

Repeal the sections.

#### **3 FINANCIAL DEALERS LICENSING ACT [CAP 70]**

##### **Section 1(Definition of “key person”)**

Repeal the definition, substitute

“key person” of an applicant for a licence or a licensee means a beneficial owner, owner, controller, alternate compliance officer, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief technology officer, compliance officer, shareholder, director or manager of the applicant or licensee;”

#### **4 FOREIGN SERVICES ACT NO. 20 OF 2013**

##### **(a) Paragraphs 17(a)**

Delete “and on the approval of the Council”

##### **(b) Subsection 17(1B)**

Repeal the subsection.

#### **5 JUDICIAL SERVICES AND COURTS ACT [CAP 270]**

##### **Subsections 36(1) and (1A)**

Delete “65”, substitute “72”