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BILL

Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT 2018.

ENACTED BY THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS.

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1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2018.

2 Commencement

This Act is taken to have commenced on the date the *Electoral Act* 2018 received assent.

3 Amendment of Electoral Act 2018

The *Electoral Act 2018* is amended by deleting section 143(6).

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The *Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2018* amends the *Electoral Act 2018* to correct an error. The Act was originally intended to replace the Political Parties Integrity Commission (the "PPIC") with the Electoral Commission, and a number of amendments were made to the *Political Parties Integrity Act 2014* to effect that. However, the Electoral Bill was amended at the Committee stage of its passage through Parliament, and the decision was taken not to replace the PPIC. One amendment to the *Political Parties Integrity Act 2014* was not deleted in Committee that should have been – the repeal of Part 2 of that Act.

This Bill rectifies that error by repealing Part 2 as of the date the Electoral Bill received assent. As a result, Part 2 will be taken to have never been repealed.

HON. ISHMAEL AVUI MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 provides the short title of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the Act. The Act commences retrospectively, on the date the principal Act being amended received assent.

Clause 3 amends the principal Act by deleting the provision that repeals Part 2 of the *Political Parties Integrity Act 2014*. Because the amendment commences retrospectively, Part 2 is taken to have never been repealed.