

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
(No. 19 of 2008)

I assent,

Beretitenti
Assented: 23rd December 2008

AN ACT TO AMEND THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT* 1984

Commencement:
2008

MADE by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and assented to by the Beretitenti

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Local Government (Amendment) Act* 2008.

2. Commencement

This Act shall be deemed to have entered into force on 1 January 2008.

3. Meaning of ‘principal Act’

In this Act ‘the principal Act’ means the *Local Government Act* 1984.

4. Amendment of section 2

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting after the definition of ‘elected member’ the following definition—

“Mayor’ shall include the Deputy Mayor and in sections 24, 25 and 31 shall include any other person presiding at any meeting of a council.”;
and
- (b) by repealing the definition of ‘Tibi Kauntira’ (inserted by section 2 of the *Local Government (Amendment) Act* 1994).

5. Repeal and substitution of section 17

Section 17 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted—

“17. Term of office

- (1) The term of office of the Mayor shall be in accordance with subsections (7) and (8) of section 15.
- (2) The term of office of the Deputy Mayor shall be in accordance with section 15(10) and section 16.”.

6. Change of title of Tibi Kauntira and Kauoman—n—Tibi Kauntira

The principal Act is amended by—

- (a) repealing the words “Tibi Kauntira” wherever they appear and substituting the word “Mayor”; and
- (b) repealing the words “Kauoman—n—Tibi Kauntira” wherever they appear and substituting the words “Deputy Mayor”.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This short Act amends the titles of the offices of Tibi Kauntira and Kauoman—n—Tibi Kauntira to Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively. The Act also substitutes a new section 17, to rectify an oversight from the amendments made in 2006. The effect of the amendment is to link the terms for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sections 15 and 16 of the principal Act. The term of office is therefore a maximum of four years after election, or a shorter period if they resign their offices, or if a motion of no confidence in the Mayor is successful.

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Attorney General
6 November 2008