

## SAMOA

### Arrangement of Provisions

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2019, No. 9

**AN ACT to amend Article 72 of the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa 1960 (“Constitution”) and related purposes.** *[31<sup>st</sup> January 2019]*

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement:**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Constitution Amendment Act (No. 2) 2019.

- (2) This Act commences on the date of its assent by the Head of State.

**2. Article 72 amended:**

- (1) Article 72(1) of the Constitution is amended as follows:

- (a) in paragraph (a), by substituting “President” with “Chairperson”;
- (b) by substituting the fullstop in paragraph (c) with a semicolon; and
- (c) inserting after paragraph (c) the following new paragraphs:

“(d) the President of the Land and Titles Court;

(e) a retired Supreme Court Judge appointed by the Head of State on the advice of Cabinet; and

(f) the Registrar of the Supreme Court as the secretary of the Commission who shall have no voting rights.”.

- (2) Article 72(2) and (3) are substituted as follows:

“(2) No business shall be transacted by the Judicial Service Commission unless any three (3) members appointed under clause (1)(a) - (e) are present, and all

questions proposed for decision by the Commission shall be decided by a majority of the votes of those members.

- (3) Subject to clause (2), a meeting of the Judicial Service may be called by three (3) members except the Registrar.
- (4) The power of appointing, promoting and transferring any judicial officer, other than the Chief Justice, and of dismissing any judicial officer, other than a Judge of the Supreme Court and the President of the Land and Titles Court, is hereby vested in the Head of State, acting on the advice of the Judicial Service Commission as may be provided by Act.”.

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The Constitution Amendment Act (No. 2) 2019 is administered by the Office of the Attorney General.

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