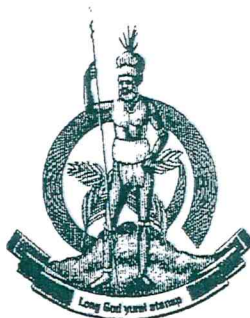


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## REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

Assent: 20/12/2013  
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### CONSTITUTION (SIXTH) (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 27 OF 2013

An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Vanuatu.

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

#### **1 Amendment**

The Constitution of the Republic of Vanuatu is amended as set out in the Schedule.

#### **2 Commencement**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.
- (2) Item 1 (on dual citizenship) and Item 27 (on customary institutions to resolve land ownership and disputes) are to commence on a date to be specified by the Prime Minister by Order.”

## SCHEDULE

### AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

#### **1AA At the end of Article 4**

Add

- “(4) For the purposes of determining national sovereignty, **people of Vanuatu** means all indigenous and naturalised citizens of Vanuatu.”

#### **1AB Article 5**

After “non – citizens” insert “and holders of dual citizenship who are not indigenous or naturalised citizens”

#### **1AC Article 10**

Delete “, within 3 months of the Day of Independence or such longer period as Parliament may prescribe. The Vanuatu citizenship of such a person shall automatically lapse if he has not renounced his other citizenship or nationality within 3 months of the granting of Vanuatu citizenship or such longer period as Parliament may prescribe, except that in the case of a person under the age of 18 years the period of renunciation shall be 3 months after he has reached the age of 18 years”

#### **1 Article 13**

Repeal the Article, substitute

#### **“13. Recognition of dual citizenship**

- (1) The Republic of Vanuatu recognises dual citizenship.
- (2) A person who is a citizen of Vanuatu or of a state other than Vanuatu may be granted dual citizenship.
- (3) For the purposes of protecting the national sovereignty of Vanuatu, a holder of dual citizenship must not:
  - (a) hold or serve in any public office; and
  - (b) be involved in Vanuatu politics; and
  - (c) fund activities that would cause political instability in Vanuatu;  
and

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- (d) affiliate with or form any political parties in Vanuatu;
- (e) stand as a candidate and vote at any of the following elections:
  - (i) general election for Members to Parliament; and
  - (ii) provincial election for members to a Provincial Government Council; and
  - (iii) municipal election for members to a Municipal Council.
- (4) To avoid doubt, subarticle (3) does not apply to an indigenous citizen or a person who has gained Vanuatu citizenship by naturalisation, who hold dual citizenship.
- (5) Parliament may prescribe:
  - (a) the requirements to be met by categories of persons applying for dual citizenship; or
  - (b) the privileges to be accorded to any category of persons who are holders of dual citizenship.”

**2 Subarticle 18(2)(b)**

Delete “local government”, substitute “provincial government”

**3 Subarticle 18(2)(c)**

Delete “National Council of Chiefs”, substitute “Malvatumauri Council of Chiefs”

**4 Subarticle 20(1)**

- (a) Delete “National Council of Chiefs”, substitute “Malvatumauri Council of Chiefs”
- (b) Delete “local government”, substitute “provincial government”

**5 Subarticle 20(3)**

- (a) Delete “National Council of Chiefs”, substitute “Malvatumauri Council of Chiefs”
- (b) Delete “local government”, substitute “provincial government”

**6 After subarticle 21(4)**

Insert

“(4A) For the purpose of subarticle (4), **days** means working days and not Saturday or Sunday.”