

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
(No. 14 of 1997)

I assent,

Ielwija

Beretitenti
29/12/1997

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTIONS ORDINANCE (CAP. 29B)

Commencement:
1997

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

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Elections (Amendment) Act, 1997.
2. Section 24 of the Elections Ordinance (CAP 29B) shall be amended by adding the following proviso:

“Provided further that any person making a customary offering to a Maneaba, referred to in I-Kiribati as “Mweaka”, “Moanei” or “Ririwete”, with the sole intention of showing respect for the customs and traditions of Kiribati, shall not be guilty of bribery.”

THE ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1997**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Act amends the Elections Ordinance (Cap. 29B) by giving statutory recognition to customary offerings to maneabas by candidates in elections and specifically excluding such offerings from being deemed as bribery under section 24 of the Ordinance.

This amendment is not intended to change the current law, but to give statutory recognition to the existing interpretation of the Ordinance.

Michael N. Takabwe
Attorney General
5 May 1997

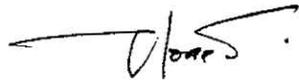
CERTIFICATE BY THE CLERK OF THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

This printed impression has been carefully examined by me with the Bill which passed the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on the 17th of November 1997 and is found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.



Teaiaki Koe
Clerk of Parliament

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