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INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

THE CONSTITUTION

ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

THE Honourable Banare Bun, Member for Henganofi Open, proposes to amend Section 124 of the Constitution and pursuant to Section 14(2) (*Making of alterations to the Constitution and Organic Laws*) of the Constitution, I, Bill Skate, Speaker of the National Parliament, hereby publish the proposed law:—

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INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

PROPOSED LAW TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution (Amendment) Law

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSE

Repeal and replacement of Section 124.

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INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

PROPOSED LAW TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION

entitled

*The Constitution (Amendment) Law,*

being

A Law to amend of the Constitution and for related purposes,

MADE by the National Parliament.

**REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SECTION 124.**

Section 124 of the Constitution is repealed and replaced with the following:—

“124. CALLING, ETC.,

- (1) The Parliament shall be called to meet not more than seven days after the day fixed for the return of the writs for a general election.

*The Constitution (Amendment) Law—continued*

- (2) Subject to Subsection (4), in any other meeting of the Parliament, other than the first meeting under Subsection (1), the Parliament shall:—
- (a) sit for at least not less than 48 days; and
  - (b) meet not less frequently than four times, in a period of 12 months.
- (3) A period of 12 months referred to in Subsection (2), shall commence on the day after the day fixed for the return of writs for a general election.
- (4) The Parliament shall, from time to time, fix:—
- (a) the time; and
  - (b) the date; and
  - (c) the frequency, of a meeting referred to in Subsection (2).
- (5) An Organic Law shall make provisions for the calling of meetings of the Parliament.
- (6) Subject to Subsections (1), (2) and (4), an Act of Parliament or the Standing Order of the Parliament may make provision in respect of the sittings of Parliament”.
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## NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

## CONSTITUTIONAL (AMENDMENT) LAW

THIS law amends Section 124 of the Constitution relating to the calling of meetings of Parliament.

This law provides for the Parliament to sit for at least 48 days in at least 4 meetings, in a period of 12 months.

Provision is also made to allow the Parliament to determine the times, days and frequency of Parliament meetings.