



# ACT OF CONSTITUTION OF TONGA (AMENDMENT) ACT 1999

No. 11 of 1999

## AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT OF CONSTITUTION OF TONGA

I assent,  
TAUFA'AHAU TUPOU IV,  
11th August, 1999.

[1st July, 1999]

**BE IT ENACTED** by the King and Legislative Assembly of Tonga in the Legislature of the Kingdom as follows:

1.
  - (1) This Act may be cited as the Act of Constitution of Tonga (Amendment) Act 1999.
  - (2) The Act of Constitution of Tonga (Cap. 2), as amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.
2. Clause 111 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following as a new paragraph at the end thereof:

“And whereas by Tongan custom the noble Niukapu forms part of the 'Ulutolu line, now therefore it is decreed that in the event the holder of the estate and title of Niukapu is not a descendant by blood of the original Niukapu before 1875, such estate and title shall revert at the death of such holder to a descendant by blood of the Niukapu line”.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this 6th day of July, 1999.



# **ACT OF CONSTITUTION OF TONGA (AMENDMENT) ACT 1999**

**No. 18 of 1999**

## **AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT OF CONSTITUTION OF TONGA**

I assent,  
TAUFA'AHAU TUPOU IV,  
3rd November, 1999.

[6th October, 1999]

**BE IT ENACTED** by the King and Legislative Assembly of Tonga in the Legislature of the Kingdom as follows: —

1.
  - (1) This Act may be cited as the Act of Constitution of Tonga (Amendment) Act 1999.
  - (2) The Act of Constitution of Tonga (Cap 2), as amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.
2. Clause 70 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the clause and substituting therefor the following —

### **Offences against the Assembly**

“70

- (1) Any person who —
  - (a) acts disrespectfully in the presence of the Legislative Assembly;

- (b) by any act or omission, interferes with, obstructs or impedes the Legislative Assembly in the performance of its function;
- (c) interferes with, obstructs or impedes any member or officer of the Legislative Assembly in the discharge of his duty;
- (d) defames the Legislative Assembly;
- (e) threatens any member or his property; or
- (f) rescues a person whose arrest has been ordered by the Legislative Assembly;

may, by resolution of the Legislative Assembly, be imprisoned for any period not exceeding thirty days.

(2)

- (a) A penalty of imprisonment imposed in accordance with this clause is not affected by a prorogation, the dissolution or expiration of the Legislative Assembly.
- (b) A resolution of the Legislative Assembly ordering the imprisonment of a person in accordance with this clause may provide for the discharge of the person from imprisonment.
- (c) Notwithstanding the power to imprison under sub-clause (1) the Legislative Assembly may impose a fine:
  - (i) not exceeding \$5,000, in the case of a natural person; or
  - (ii) not exceeding \$50,000, in the case of a corporation;  
for an offence against the Legislative Assembly determined by the Assembly to have been committed by that person under this clause.
- (d) It shall not be lawful to both imprison and fine a person for an offence under this clause.
- (e) The Legislative Assembly may give such directions and authorise the issue of such warrants as are necessary or convenient for carrying this clause into effect.”

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this 6th day of October 1999.