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ACT

entitled

*Political Parties (Registration) Act 2006,*

Being an Act as required by Section 111 (*Political Parties*) of the *Bougainville Constitution* to -

- (a) make provision for a system of registration of political parties in Bougainville; and
- (b) provide that to qualify for registration a political party must –
  - (i) provide evidence that it has such number of members in all Regions of Bougainville as is required by the Act; and
  - (ii) provide evidence that it has policies on broad subject matters relevant to Bougainville; and
  - (iii) have organizational structures that meet basic standards of democracy; and
  - (iv) disclose the sources of its funding to the Registrar who shall furnish them to the Bougainville Ombudsman; and
- (c) make provision for all other matters relating to the system of registration (including provision for deregistration in certain circumstances) of political parties, and for related purposes,

MADE by the House of Representatives.

**PART I. PRELIMINARY.**

**1. COMPLIANCE WITH CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**

This Act, to the extent that it regulates or restricts a right or freedom referred to in Subdivision III.3.C (*qualified rights*) of the *National Constitution*, namely -

- (a) the right to freedom of conscience, thought and religion conferred by Section 45 of the *National Constitution*; and
- (b) the right to freedom of expression and publication conferred by Section 46 of the *National Constitution*; and
- (c) the right to freedom of assembly and association and to form or belong to, or not to belong to, a political party conferred by Section 47 of the *National Constitution*; and
- (d) the right to privacy conferred by Section 49 of the *National Constitution*; and
- (e) the right to vote and stand for public office conferred by Section 50 of the *National Constitution*; and
- (f) the right to freedom of information conferred by Section 51 of the *National Constitution*,

is a law that is made for the purpose of public order and public safety.

**2. INTERPRETATION.**

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears -

"candidate" means a person who has nominated or who nominates for election as President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville or as a member of the House of Representatives or to any other level of formal government under the *Bougainville Constitution*, but does not include a person in respect of a nomination by him for election to the National Parliament;

"constitution of a political party" means the document (by whatever name known) specifying the aims of the political party and the manner of governance of the political party;

"contribution" means the giving of-

- (a) money to a political party or to a candidate; or
- (b) assistance in kind, goods, services, gifts or other voluntary provisions to a political party; or
- (c) assistance in kind, goods, services, gifts or other voluntary provisions to a candidate as assistance towards campaign expenses, exceeding in value a prescribed amount,

and "contribute" and "contributor" have corresponding meanings;

"election" means an election of the President or of a member or members of the House of Representatives or to any other level of formal government under the *Bougainville Constitution*;

"executive officer", in relation to a political party, means an executive officer referred to in Section 12;

"political party" means any party or organization having political aims and desiring to take part in an election;

"public officer of a political party" means the member of the party appointed the public officer of the party under Section 13;

"Register" means the Register of Political Parties established by Section 21;

"Registrar" means the Registrar of Political Parties appointed under Section 4;

"registered political party" means a political party registered under this Act;

"take part in an election" means, without limiting the generality of the expression -

- (a) advertise or proclaim in any way that a candidate for election at an election -
  - (i) supports its policies; or
  - (ii) is nominated or supported or funded by it; or
- (b) take any action likely to indicate to voters that it supports any candidate.

**3. APPLICATION OF THIS ACT.**

(1) This Act applies in respect of elections of President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville or of a member or members of the House of Representatives or to any other level of formal government under the *Bougainville Constitution*.

(2) This Act does not apply in respect of elections to the National Parliament.

**PART II. ADMINISTRATION.**

**4. REGISTRAR.**

(1) There shall be a Registrar of Political Parties, who shall be a suitably qualified person (who may be an officer of the National Public Service or of the Bougainville Public Service) appointed by the Bougainville Senior Appointments Committee.

(2) The Registrar -

- (a) shall be appointed for a term of six years; and
- (b) may be appointed on a part-time basis; and
- (c) shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as are determined by the Bougainville Executive Council; and
- (d) is eligible for re-appointment.

**5. DISQUALIFICATION FROM OFFICE.**

A person is not qualified to be, or to remain as, the Registrar if he is -

- (a) a member of the House of Representatives or of the National Parliament; or
- (b) a member of a Provincial Government or of a Local-level Government; or
- (c) a member of a political party; or
- (d) an undercharged bankrupt or insolvent; or
- (e) of unsound mind within the meaning of any law relating to the protection of the person or property of persons of unsound mind; or
- (f) under sentence of death or imprisonment.

**6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.**

(1) The Registrar shall not -

- (a) actively engage in politics; or
- (b) subject to Subsections (2) and (3), acquire by way of gift or otherwise or use or hold in any other manner any property in Papua New Guinea or solicit, accept or receive any other benefit in addition to his terms and conditions of employment.

(2) The Registrar may, in addition to his appointment as Registrar, hold an office in the National Public Service or in the Bougainville Public Service.

(3) The Registrar may purchase, lease or otherwise acquire land in the same manner as any other citizen.

**7. RESIGNATION.**

The Registrar may resign by giving to the Bougainville Senior Appointments Committee two months' notice of his intention to do so.

**8. VACATION OF OFFICE.**

(1) Where the Registrar -

- (a) becomes disqualified from holding office under Section 5; or
- (b) breaches any of the special conditions of employment specified in

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Section 6; or  
(c) resigns his office under Section 7,  
the Bougainville Senior Appointments Committee shall terminate his appointment.

(2) The Bougainville Senior Appointments Committee may, at any time, by written notice under the hand of the Chairman, advise the Registrar that it intends to terminate his appointment on the grounds of inefficiency, incapacity or misbehaviour.

(3) Within 14 days of receipt of a notice under Subsection (2), the Registrar may reply in writing to the Bougainville Senior Appointments Committee who shall consider the reply and, where it considers it appropriate, may terminate the appointment.

(4) Where the Registrar does not reply in accordance with Subsection (3), his appointment is terminated.

**9. SEAL.**

(1) The Registrar shall have and use as his seal of office a seal in such form as the Minister approves.

(2) In pursuance of his functions and duties under this Act, the Registrar may fix, or cause to be affixed, a facsimile of his signature which shall be deemed to be the signature of the Registrar.

(3) All courts, judges and persons acting judicially shall take judicial notice of -

- (a) a signature of any person who holds or has held the office of Registrar and of the fact that the person holds or has held that office; and
- (b) the seal of the Registrar.

**10. FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE REGISTRAR.**

The Registrar is responsible for the administration of this Act and for the performance of such functions and duties as he is required to perform by this Act.

**PART III. - POLITICAL PARTIES GENERALLY.**

**11. MEMBERSHIP OF POLITICAL PARTIES.**

(1) Subject to Subsection (2), a political party shall not restrict membership of the party on the basis of sex, race, religion or place of origin.

(2) A non-citizen shall not be a member of a political party.

(3) A person shall not be a member of more than one political party at the same time.

(4) A person is not a member of a political party unless all fees, dues or other payments due by him to the political party in accordance with the constitution of that political party have been paid within the time and in the manner required by that constitution.

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(5) Subject to Subsection (6), membership of a political party shall be ordinary membership and a political party shall not grant dual membership, associate membership or any other form of membership of the political party.

(6) A political party may, in accordance with the constitution of that political party, accord special privileges, such as life membership of the party, to certain members of the party.

**12. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES.**

(1) A political party shall have the following executive officers: -

- (a) a president;
- (b) a secretary;
- (c) a treasurer;
- (d) where a registered political party has two or more members in the House of Representatives, a Leader in the House.

(2) An executive officer of a political party, other than a member of the House of Representatives, shall not hold any other public office or be an employee or member of the governing body of a public body including a superannuation fund or corporation in which the State or the Autonomous Bougainville Government or a public body has an equity interest.

(3) The executive officers referred to in Subsection (1) (a), (b), and (c) shall be elected in a democratic manner in accordance with provisions specified in the constitution of the political party and conforming to the following principles:-

- (a) each member of the political party has an equal voting right that is exercisable freely;
- (b) subject to reasonable qualifications applying to all members of the political party, all members are eligible to contest the election of executive officers;
- (c) reasonable opportunity is given to -
  - (i) all members qualified under Paragraph (b) to contest; and
  - (ii) all such members to vote in, an election of executive officers;
- (d) the executive officers are appointed and removable by the majority vote of the members of the political party at elections held at fixed periodic intervals.

(4) A Leader in the House, referred to in Subsection (1)(d) shall be elected in a democratic manner in accordance with provisions specified in the constitution of the political party and conforming to the following principles:-

- (a) each member of the political party who is a member of the House of Representatives has an equal voting right that is exercisable freely;
- (b) subject to reasonable qualifications applying to all such members, all such members are eligible to contest the election of the office of Leader in the House;
- (c) reasonable opportunity is given to -
  - (i) all such members qualified under Paragraph (b) to contest;and



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- (ii) all such members to vote in, an election of Leader of the House; and
- (d) the Leader in the House is appointed and is removable by the majority of such members at elections held at fixed periodic intervals and at least once during the life of each House of Representatives.

**13. PUBLIC OFFICER.**

(1) Each political party shall appoint a member of the party to be the public officer of the party for the purposes of this Act.

(2) An executive officer of a political party is eligible to be appointed the public officer of that party.

(3) The public officer of a political party is responsible, on behalf of the political party, for -

- (a) lodging an application to register it or to amend its registration; and
- (b) lodging financial returns; and
- (c) performing such other functions as are specified in this Act.

**14. REQUIREMENT OF POLITICAL PARTY TO REGISTER.**

(1) A political party is required to register under Part IV where it intends -

- (a) to advertise or proclaim in any way that a candidate for election at an election -
  - (i) supports its policies; or
  - (ii) is nominated or receives contributions from it or is otherwise funded by it; or
- (b) to take any action likely to indicate to voters that it supports any candidate; or
- (c) otherwise to take part in an election.

(2) A political party which is not registered under Part IV is not eligible -

- (a) to advertise or proclaim in any way that a candidate for election at an election -
  - (i) supports its policies; or
  - (ii) is nominated or receives contributions from it or is otherwise funded by it; or
- (b) to take any action likely to indicate to voters that it supports any candidate; or
- (c) otherwise to take part in an election.

(3) A political party which is not registered under Part IV and which carries out any of the activities specified in Subsection (2)(a), (b) or (c) is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: A fine not exceeding K50,000.00

**15. QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION**

A political party is eligible for registration where -

- (a) it is incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act*

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- (b) it has a constitution; and
- (c) its constitution provides for a president, secretary, and a treasurer and such executive officers have been appointed or elected in accordance with its constitution; and otherwise has such organizational structures that meet basic standards of democracy; and
- (d) subject to Section 11(2), it does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race or religion; and
- (e) it has such number of members in each Region (North, Central and South) as are prescribed; and
- (f) it has policies on such broad subject matters relevant to Bougainville as are prescribed; and
- (g) a public officer has been appointed in accordance with Section 13.

**PART IV. REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES.**

*Division 1. - Registration Procedure.*

**16. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A POLITICAL PARTY.**

- (1) An application for registration of a political party shall be made to the Registrar by the public officer of that political party.
- (2) An application under Subsection (1) shall be made as and when required.
- (3) An application under Subsection (1) shall -
  - (a) be made on the prescribed form; and
  - (b) be accompanied by the prescribed fee; and
  - (c) contain the following information relating to the political party: -
    - (i) the name of the political party; and
    - (ii) any abbreviation of the name or initials or acronym which the political party uses or intends to use; and
    - (iii) the name of the public officer; and
    - (iv) the postal address and physical location of the main office which shall be the address for service of any communications, and any branches or affiliates; and
    - (v) the names, addresses and occupations of the executive officers and the officers accountable for or otherwise handling and managing its money or property; and
    - (vi) the names and addresses of persons authorized to receive contributions and commit expenditure on its behalf; and
    - (vii) the names and addresses of persons authorized to commit the party and its branches to endorse and support candidates at elections; and
    - (viii) the date of its incorporation; and
    - (ix) such other matters as may be prescribed; and
  - (d) shall be accompanied by the following in relation to the political party: -
    - (i) a copy of the constitution of the political party;
    - (ii) the certificate of incorporation under the *Associations*

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*Incorporation Act (Chapter 142);*

- (iii) a statutory declaration by the public officer to the effect that the political party has at least the number of persons prescribed as members in each Region; and
- (iv) a statutory declaration by the public officer setting out the policies of the political party on each of the broad subject matters relevant to Bougainville as are prescribed; and
- (v) a copy of the balance sheet and financial statements detailing assets and liabilities and income and sources of income.

**17. APPLICATION TO BE ADVERTISED.**

(1) As soon as practicable after an application is made to him under Section 16 (1), the Registrar shall cause notice of the application to be published in -

- (a) the Bougainville Gazette; and
- (b) a newspaper circulating generally in Bougainville not less than once in each week.

(2) A notice under Subsection (1) shall -

- (a) include the information referred to in Section 16 (3)(c); and
- (b) invite any person wishing to object to the application to lodge a written objection with the Registrar within one month of the date of publication of the notice under Subsection (1) (a) or (b), whichever is the earlier date; and
- (c) specify the date for consideration of the application by the Registrar, being a date not less than 21 days after the date of publication of the notice under Subsection (1)(a) or (b), whichever is the earlier date.

**18. GROUNDS OF OBJECTION.**

(1) Objection to the grant of an application made under Section 16(1) may be taken only on one or more of the following grounds: -

- (a) that the application is not in accordance with this Act;
- (b) that the information set out in the application, or in any document required to accompany the application, is incorrect;
- (c) that the name of the political party is obscure or offensive;
- (d) that the name of the political party so closely resembles the name of a registered political party or public body as likely to be confused with or mistaken for that registered political party or public body.

(2) A statement of objection under Subsection (1) shall -

- (a) contain the name and address of the person making the objection; and
- (b) be signed by that person; and
- (c) specify in detail the grounds for objection.

(3) The Registrar shall -

- (a) send to the person making the application under Section 16(1) a copy of any objection lodged; and
- (b) invite him to lodge with the Registrar a written reply to the objection within such reasonable time as the Registrar allows.

**19. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION.**

(1) Subject to Subsection (4), as soon as possible after the time for lodging objections under Section 18 to an application, the Registrar shall consider the application together with any objections to it and any replies by the applicant to the objections.

- (2) Where the Registrar is of the opinion that -
- (a) the application is complete; and
  - (b) the political party has the qualifications for registration specified in Section 15; and
  - (c) any objection to the application does not justify a refusal to register the political party,

he shall approve the application, register the political party and notify the applicant accordingly.

- (3) Where the Registrar is of the opinion that -
- (a) the application is not complete; or
  - (b) any of the matters listed in Section 18(1) as grounds of objection to an application, exists in relation to the application; or
  - (c) the political party does not have the qualifications for registration specified in Section 15; or
  - (d) any objection to the application justifies a refusal to register the political party,

he shall refuse the application giving the reasons for his refusal in writing and shall notify the applicant accordingly.

(4) The Registrar shall not consider an application under Section 16(1) during the period commencing on the date fixed in accordance with Section 107 (*Bougainville General Elections*) of the *Bougainville Constitution* for the issuing of the writs in a Bougainville General Election and ending on the date fixed, in accordance with Section 107 (*Bougainville General Election*) of the *Bougainville Constitution*, for the return of the writs for the general election.

**20. REGISTRATION.**

The Registrar shall effect registration of a political party by entering in the Register the prescribed particulars of the political party.

*Division 2. - The Register.*

**21. REGISTER.**

(1) The Registrar shall establish and maintain a Register of Political Parties.

(2) The Register shall be in such form and shall be kept in such manner as the Registrar determines.

(3) All matters required by this Act to be registered shall be effected by the Registrar.

**22. INSPECTION.**

The Register shall be available for inspection by any person, on payment of the prescribed fee, during such hours and at such place as are notified by the Registrar in the

Bougainville Gazette.

**23. CERTIFICATES.**

The Registrar may -

- (a) issue copies of extracts from entries in the Register certified under his hand and seal; and
- (b) certify under his hand and seal that an entry, act, matter or thing required or authorized under this Act to be done or made, has or has not been done or made, as the case may be.

**24. REGISTER, ETC., TO BE EVIDENCE.**

- (1) The Register is evidence of all matters required by this Act to be entered in it.
- (2) A certified copy or extract issued by the Registrar under Section 23 is evidence in all courts and proceedings without further proof or production of the original.
- (3) A certificate of the Registrar under Section 23 is evidence of the statements contained in the certificate.

**25. PUBLICATION OF LIST OF POLITICAL PARTIES.**

- (1) The Registrar-
  - (a) shall, as soon as possible after the writ for a Bougainville general election has been issued; and
  - (b) may, at such other times as he considers suitable, publish in the Bougainville Gazette, a list of all registered political parties.
- (2) A list under Subsection (1) shall include the names of-
  - (a) the president; and
  - (b) the secretary; and
  - (c) the treasurer; and
  - (d) the Leaders in the House (if any); and
  - (e) the public officer, ofeach registered political party.

***Division 3. - Amendment of Register.***

**26. AMENDMENT OF REGISTER.**

- (1) A public officer of a registered political party shall, within 30 days of any change in -
  - (a) the constitution of the political party; or
  - (b) the information supplied to the Registrar under Section 16(3),notify the Registrar of the change.
- (2) Where any change notified to the Registrar under Subsection (1) relates to a matter recorded in the Register, the Registrar shall amend the Register accordingly.
- (3) The public officer of a registered political party may apply to the Registrar for-
  - (a) the amendment of any information recorded in the Register; or
  - (b) the replacement of any documents lodged with the Registrar, relating to that political party.

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(4) An application under Subsection (3) shall be made in such manner and form as is approved by the Registrar.

(5) The Registrar shall consider an application under Subsection (3) and shall -

- (a) where the application complies with this Act, agree to it; and
- (b) where the application does not comply with this Act, refuse it, and advise the applicant accordingly.

(6) The Registrar shall, in the case of a decision under Subsection (5)(a), amend the Register accordingly.

***Division 4. - Cancellation of Registration.***

**27. GROUNDS FOR CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION.**

The Registrar may cancel the registration of a registered political party where -

- (a) the party is convicted of an offence under this Act or any other law that carries a penalty of a fine of K 1,000.00 or more and the party fails to pay the fine within the time fixed by the court imposing the fine for payment of the fine; or
- (b) the party no longer meets the qualifications for registration referred to in Section 15; or
- (c) the party, without reasonable justification, fails to disclose its sources of funding as required by this Act, for two consecutive years.

**28. NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO CANCEL REGISTRATION.**

(1) Where the Registrar is of the opinion that grounds for cancellation of registration exist in relation to a registered political party, he shall give written notification to the public officer of that registered political party of his intention to cancel its registration.

(2) Notification under Subsection (1) shall -

- (a) state the grounds for the proposed cancellation; and
- (b) fix a period of not less than 21 days within which the political party may -
  - (i) make representations to the Registrar as to why the registration should not be cancelled; or
  - (ii) where the grounds are those referred to in Section 27(c), take steps to ensure compliance with this Act.

**29. REGISTRAR TO CONSIDER CANCELLATION, ETC.**

(1) On the expiry of the period fixed under Section 28(2)(b), the Registrar shall -

- (a) consider any representations made under Section 28(2)(b)(i) and any steps taken under Section 28(2)(b)(ii); and
- (b) decide whether the registration is or is not to be cancelled.

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- (2) Where the Registrar makes a decision under Subsection (1)(6), he shall -
- (a) where his decision is that the registration of the political party be cancelled -
    - (i) cancel the registration; and
    - (ii) notify the public officer of the political party of his decision and of the cancellation; and
    - (iii) give notification of the cancellation in the Bougainville Gazette and in a newspaper circulating generally throughout Bougainville not less frequently than once a week; and
  - (b) where his decision is that registration of the political party not be cancelled, notify the public officer of the political party of his decision.

***Division 5. - Dissolution of Registered Political Party.***

**30. DISSOLUTION OF REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTY.**

- (1) A registered political party may be dissolved where -
- (a) a resolution for the dissolution of the party has been agreed to by
    - (i) an absolute majority of the members of the party; and
    - (ii) at least 75% of the members of the party who are members of the House of Representatives; and
  - (b) all liabilities of the party have been discharged.
- (2) The public officer of a registered political party dissolved under Subsection (1) shall immediately -
- (a) notify the Registrar of the dissolution; and
  - (b) supply the Registrar with -
    - (i) particulars of the resolution under Subsection ( 1 ) (a); and
    - (ii) evidence of the discharge of the liabilities of the party.
- (3) Where the Registrar is satisfied that the provisions of Subsection (1) have been complied with he shall -
- (a) cancel the registration of the political party; and
  - (b) give notification in the Bougainville Gazette that the registration of the political party has been dissolved following its dissolution; and
  - (c) where any member of the political party is a member of the House of Representatives, notify the Speaker.

***Division 6. -Amalgamation of Registered Political Parties.***

**31. AMALGAMATION OF REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES.**

- (1) Two or more registered political parties may amalgamate where -
- (a) in the case of each party, a resolution for the amalgamation of the parties has been agreed to by -
    - (i) an absolute majority of the members of the party; and
    - (ii) at least 75% of the members of the party who are members of the House of Representatives; and
  - (b) all liabilities of each party have been -

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- (i) discharged; or
- (ii) with the consent of the other party or parties to the amalgamation, transferred to become liabilities of the amalgamated party.

(2) The public officer of each registered political party proposing to amalgamate under Subsection (1) shall immediately -

- (a) notify the Registrar of the proposed amalgamation; and
- (b) supply the Registrar with -
  - (i) particulars of the resolution under Subsection (1)(a); and
  - (ii) evidence of the discharge or transfer of the liabilities of the party under Subsection (1)(b).

(3) The public officer of the amalgamated party shall -

- (a) apply to the Registrar for registration of the amalgamated party; and
- (b) supply to the Registrar such of the information relative to the amalgamated party as is required to be supplied under Section 16(3)(c) and (d) in respect of an application for registration of a political party.

(4) Where the Registrar is satisfied -

- (a) that the provisions of Subsections (1), (2) and (3) have been complied with; and
- (b) that the information is acceptable,

he shall proceed to deal with the application for registration of the amalgamated party in the manner required by Sections 17 to 20 inclusive in respect of an application for registration of a political party.

(5) For the purposes of this section, "amalgamated party" means the party formed as a result of an amalgamation.

**PART V. - DISCLOSURE OF SOURCES OF FUNDING.**

**32. DISCLOSURE OF SOURCES OF FUNDING.**

(1) The public officer of a registered political party shall on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March in each year lodge with the Registrar a list of the funds received by or on behalf of the party during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December preceding, or where the political party was first registered during the year preceding, for the period from the date of registration until 31<sup>st</sup> December in that year.

(2) A list referred to in Subsection (1) shall contain the following information:-

- (a) the name, address and occupation of each person contributing to the funds of the party;
- (b) the amount of the contribution;
- (c) the date on which the contribution was made;
- (d) such other matters concerning the contribution as may be prescribed.

(3) The Registrar shall furnish to the Bougainville Ombudsman a copy of each list of funds contributed to a political party lodged with him under this section.



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**PART VI. - MISCELLANEOUS.**

**33. CONFIDENTIALITY.**

(1) Subject to Subsection (2), information disclosed under this Act to the Registrar or to an officer or employee of the Registrar, shall not be disclosed to any person who is not the Registrar or an officer or employee of the Registrar without the prior written approval of the person who provided that information, except -

- (a) to the extent that disclosure is authorized or required by this Act; or
- (b) to the extent that the person providing the information authorized its disclosure at the time of providing the information.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to information referred to in Section 16(1), (2) and (3) (a) to (d) (i) to (v).

(3) The Registrar or an officer or employee of the Registrar who uses any information disclosed under this Act that comes to his knowledge in the course of, or by reason of his employment as Registrar or an officer or employee of the Registrar-

- (a) for the purpose of personal gain; or
- (b) except as authorized under Subsection (1),

is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: A fine not exceeding K2,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or both.

**34. REGULATIONS.**

The Bougainville Executive Council may make Regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters that by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed or that are necessary or convenient to be prescribed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair copy of the *Political Parties (Registration) Act 2006* which has been made by the House of Representatives.

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.

I, NICHOLAS PENIAI, Speaker of the House of Representatives, hereby certify that the *Political Parties (Registration) Act 2006* was made by the House of Representatives on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2006 by an absolute majority of votes in accordance with the *Bougainville Constitution*.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.