

# BILL NO. 20 OF 2024

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRESIDENTIAL PENSIONS ACT 1994

*Short title and commencement*

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Presidential Pensions (Amendment) Act 2024.
- (2) This Act comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

*Section 8 amended*

2. Section 8(1) of the Presidential Pensions Act 1994 is amended by deleting “5 years” and substituting “3 years”.

December 2024

## **PRESIDENTIAL PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2024**

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Bill and is intended only to indicate its general effect)*

#### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

1.1 The Presidential Pensions Act 1994 (**‘Act’**) provides for the payment of pensions to persons who have served as Governors-General, Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Fiji.

1.2 Given that the current term of the office of the President under the Constitution of the Republic of Fiji (**‘Constitution’**) is 3 years, the Presidential Pensions (Amendment) Bill 2024 (**‘Bill’**) seeks to amend section 8 of the Act in order to ensure that a President serving under the current Constitution is also eligible for other benefits awarded to past serving Presidents.

#### **2.0 CLAUSES**

2.1 Clause 1 of the Bill provides the short title and commencement. If passed by Parliament, the amending legislation will come into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

2.2 Clause 2 of the Bill amends section 8(1) of the Act by deleting reference to “5 years” and substituting “3 years” to align to the term of the office of the President under the Constitution.

#### **3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

3.1 The Act comes under the responsibility of the Prime Minister.

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