

**THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI**

I assent,

Beretitenti

*Assented: 29<sup>th</sup> December 1997*

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROADCASTING AND  
PUBLICATIONS AUTHORITY ORDINANCE (CAP. 6A)  
(Act No. 21 of 1997)**

Commencement:  
1997

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

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Broadcasting and Publications Authority (Amendment) Act 1997.

**New Section 2**

2. Section 2 of the Broadcasting and Publications Authority Ordinance (Cap 6A) (in this Act referred to as the “principal Ordinance”) is repealed and the following section is substituted:

**“Constitution of Authority**

2. (1) There is hereby established the Broadcasting and Publications Authority (in this Act referred to as “the Authority”) which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seat, with power to purchase, take, hold and dispose of land and other property, to enter into contract, to borrow money, to sue and be sued in its own name and to do all things necessary for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) The Authority shall consist of a Chairperson and such other members, not being less than 5, as the Minister may from time to time, by order appoint.

(3) The provisions of Schedule 1 shall have effect as to the constitution, the officers and employees of the Authority and otherwise in relation thereto.

(4) The Beretitenti, acting in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet, may by order amend any or all of the provisions of Schedule 1 of this Ordinance.”

**Repeal of Section 21**

3. Section 21 of the principal Ordinance is repealed.

**Consequential amendment of Schedule I**

4. Schedule 1 of the principal Ordinance is amended:

(a) in paragraph 1 by adding after subparagraph (4) the following subparagraph:

“(5) The Authority may act notwithstanding a vacancy among its members.”

(b) by repealing paragraph 3.

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Act amends the Broadcasting and Publication Authority Ordinance (Cap. 6A), (the “principal Ordinance”) to establish more clearly the corporate status of the Authority and make it more consistent with other statutory corporations.

Section 2 of the Act repeals Section 2 of the principal Ordinance and substitutes a new section 2 which establishes the Authority as a body corporate and sets out the powers of the Authority. Schedule 1 is given statutory effect and the Beretitenti, acting in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet is given power to amend the schedule.

Section 3 of the Act repeals section 21 of the principal Ordinance which becomes redundant in the light of the new section 2 of the Ordinance.

Section 4 of the Act makes consequential amendments to Schedule 1.

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1 October 1997