

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
(No. 8 of 1981)

I assent,

H. Tabai
Beretitenti.
29th Dec. 1981.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CITIZENSHIP
ACT (Chapter 8A).

Commencement:
29th December 1981.

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

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 1981.

Amends Section

2. Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by substituting a comma for the fullstop at the end of the section and by adding the words 'and prescribing the manner in which application is to be made for registration as a citizen of Kiribati under Section 23 of the Constitution'.

Amends Section 13 of the principal Act.

3. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by adding a further sub-paragraph as Section 13(c) in the following words 'of any person who has applied to be registered as a citizen of Kiribati under Section 23 of the Constitution.'

This printed impression has been carefully examined by me with the Bill which passed the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on 3th December 1981, and is found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

Daniel S.
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Clerk to the Maneaba ni
Maungatabu.

I certify that the above Bill was on 3th December 1981 passed by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on a certificate of urgency under section 68(3)(a) of the Constitution.

R. Enorio
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Speaker.

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(a) at the Public Office of the Beretitenti on
1981.

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Secretary to the Cabinet.

(b) at the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on
29th December, 1981.



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Clerk to the Maneaba ni
Maungatabu.

CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) ACT 1981

Explanatory Memorandum

1. This Act cures a hiatus in the existing law.
 2. Section 23 of the Constitution provides that every person of I-Kiribati descent who did not become a citizen of Kiribati on Independence Day by virtue of section 20, 21 or 22 of the Constitution shall be entitled upon making application in such manner as may be prescribed to be registered as a citizen of Kiribati.
 3. The Citizenship Act, Chapter 8A made no provision for such registration.
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4. This Act now remedies the omission in Chapter 8A by amending Section 12 of Chapter 8A to empower the Minister by regulation to prescribe the manner of application for registration, and by amending Section 13 provides for an appropriate register to be kept.

Roger Lawrence Davey
Attorney General

LEGAL REPORT

I hereby certify my opinion that none of the provisions of the above Act conflict with the Constitution and that the Beretitenti may properly assent to the Act.

Roger Lawrence Davey
Attorney General
9 December 1981