



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION, 2014

NGAAHI FAKAMATALA MA'AE KAU KANITITEITI

CANDIDATE INFORMATION BOOKLET



WELCOME

This handbook is published by the Electoral Commission to assist candidates. Its purpose is to explain and where necessary describe the election process and what requirements you must meet, and your responsibilities under the law. It does not replace or amend the Electoral Act 2010 (the Act) or other legislation.

It goes into some detail and where appropriate lists the Parts or Sections of the Act upon which it is based, together with any Regulations issued under the Act.

The Commission advises that you consult the Tongan Constitution, the Act and any other legislation relating to conduct of a campaign for election, such as the Tongan Broadcasting Commission Act.

LEGAL ADVICE

The Commission can assist you by providing information of a general nature about the nomination process and campaign activity. It cannot provide you with formal or informal legal advice.

Candidates must satisfy themselves about their own legal positions and, if necessary, refer to the exact provisions of the Constitution, the Act and Regulations, and consult their own lawyers.

ELECTION TIMETABLE (Part III, s.7 of the Act)

The election timetable is determined by the Writs for an Election, issued by the King on the advice of the Prime Minister. The writs are issued to the Electoral Commission, for each District and Constituency specifying the date of the election, the places where polling will be conducted and the hours of polling. It also sets the date on which the writs are to be returned to the King advising the result of the election in each District and Constituency.

The Writ will be issued on 30th September, 2014.

Election Day – not less than 8 weeks after the date of Writ issue. The election will be held on Thursday 27th November, 2014 for both representatives of the Nobles and the People to the Legislative Assembly.

Nominations - not less than 21 or more than 28 days after Writ issue. The Electoral Commission will call for the nomination of candidates to be held on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October, 2014 from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Writ return – within 14 days of Election Day (no later than 11th December, 2014)

ELECTIONS TO BE CONDUCTED LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (s. 7 of the Act)

The election for the legislative assembly is to be conducted on 27 November 2014. The election will be to elect one member for each of the 17 Constituencies.

ELECTION OF NOBLES

The election of nobles to the Legislative Assembly is conducted in accordance with the Nobles Election Regulation and it will be held on the same day as the election of the Representatives of the People to the Legislative Assembly.

The number of constituencies in each electoral district is:

Electoral District	People	Nobles	Total
Tongatapu	10	3	13
Vava'u	3	2	5
Ha'apai	2	2	4
'Eua	1	1	2
Ongo Niua	1	1	2
Total	17	9	26

ELECTORAL ROLL (Part II, s.4 & s.5 of the Act)

The Electoral Roll for this election is based on the final roll used in the last election. The provisional roll was published in the gazette on 15 May 2014.

ROLL CLOSE

The roll for the election will be printed on 22 September, 2014 and only those electors on the roll at that time are eligible to vote. Persons turning 21 after the publication of the roll will be on a supplementary roll which will be printed on 13th November, 2014.

FAKAFE'ILOAKI

Ko e tohi ni 'oku pulusi atu ia 'e he Komisoni Fili mo e 'amanaki 'e tokoni ia kiate kinautolu 'oku nau faka'amu ke nau hoko ko e kau Kanititeiti. 'Oku fakataumu'a ia ke 'oatu ai 'a e ngaahi fakamatala fekau'aki mo e teuteu ki he fili pea ke 'oatu mo e founda 'oku fakahoko'aki 'a e fili pea mo e ngaahi fiema'u 'oku totonu ke ke 'ilo ki ai, fakataha mo ho ngaahi fatongia 'i he malumalu 'o e Lao.

'Oku 'ikai 'aupito ke fetongi pe liluu 'e he tohi ni 'a e Lao Fili Fale Alea pe ko ha toe lao kehe, ka ko e'oatu pe 'a e ngaahi fakamatala ni ko e tokoni atu.

'Oku lava ke 'oatu heni ha ngaahi fakamatala fakaikiiki pea 'i he taimi 'e ni'ihi 'oku lisi atu mo e ngaahi Konga pe Kupu 'o e Lao 'a ia 'oku fakatefito ai 'a e fili, fakataha mo ha ngaahi Tu'utu'uni kuo fatu 'i he malumalu 'o e Lao.

'I he'ene pehe, 'oku mahu'inga ke ke vakai ki he Konisitutone 'o Tonga, Ko e Lao Fili Fale Alea pea mo ha toe Tu'utu'uni 'oku fekau'aki pea mo hono fakahoko'o e Kemipeini ki he Fili pea mo e ngaahi lao kehe hange nai ko e Lao ki he Komisoni Fakamafola Lea 'a Tonga.

FALE'I FAKA-LAO

'Oku lava ke tokoni 'a e Komisoni ki hono 'oatu 'a e ngaahi fakamatala fakalukufua fekau'aki mo e founda 'o e fokotu'u kanititeiti pea mo e ngaahi fatongia ki he kemipeini. Ka 'e 'ikai ke 'oatu 'e he Komisoni ha fa'ahinga fale'i fakalao.

'Oku matu'aki mahu'inga leva ai ki he Kanititeiti ke ne fakapapai 'i 'a e ngaahi makatu'unga fakalao, pea kapau 'e lava pea ke ne vakai ki he ngaahi kupu fekau'aki 'o e Konisitutone, Lao ki he Fili Fale Alea mo e ngaahi Tu'utu'uni kehe 'oku fekau'aki mo e fili, pea ke ne fetu'utaki mo femahino'aki mo 'ene fakahinohino lao ki ha ngaahi fale'i fakalao te ne fiema'u.

KO E TAIMI TEPILE 'O E FILI (Konga III, k.7 'o e Lao)

Ko e taimi 'o e Fili 'oku fakahoko 'aki ia ha ngaahi Tohi Fekau 'o e Fili, 'a ia 'e tukumai 'e he'Ene 'Afio ko e Tu'i, 'i he fale'i 'a e Palemia. Ko e ngaahi Tohi Fekau ni 'e tuku mai ia ki he Komisoni Fili ma'ae ngaahi Vahefonua mo e Vahenga Fili pea 'e ha ai 'a e 'aho 'o e fili, ko e ngaahi feitu'u 'e fakahoko ki ai 'a e fili pea mo e taimi 'e fakahoko ai 'a e fili. 'Oku ne toe fakaha ai mo

e 'aho ke fakafoki ai 'a e ngaahi Tohi Fekau ni, ki he 'Ene' Afio 'o fakaha ai 'a e ola 'o e fili mei he ngaahi vahefonua pea mo e ngaahi vahenga fili takitaha. Ko e ngaahi tohi fekau ni 'e tuku mai ia 'i he 'aho 30 Sepitema, 2014.

'Aho Fili – 'e 'ikai si'i hifo 'i he uike 'e 8 mei he 'aho kuo tuku mai ai 'a e Tohi Fekau. Kuo fokotu'utu'u ai 'a e 'aho Tu'apulelulu ko hono 27 'o Novema, 2014 ko e 'aho ia 'e fakahoko ai 'a e fili, 'o tatau 'a e fili ma'ae kau fakafongia 'o e Hou'eiki Nopele mo ia 'o e kau fakafongia 'o e kakai.

Ngaahi Fokotu'u Kanititeiti – 'e 'ikai si'i hifo 'i he 'aho 'e 21 pe lahi hake 'i he 'aho 'e 28 mei he 'aho kuo tuku mai ai 'a e Tohi Fekau 'o e Fili. Kuo fokotu'u ai 'e he Komisoni Fili ke fakahoko 'a hono lesisita 'o e kau Kanititeiti 'i he 'aho Tu'apulelulu ko hono 23 mo e Falaite ko hono 24 'o 'Okatopa, 2014 mei he 10:00 pongipongi ki he 3:00 efafi.

Fakafoki 'o e Tohi Fekau 'o e Fili – ke 'i lotu 'i he 'aho 'e 14 mei he 'aho Fili ('ikai to e tomui ange'i he 'aho 11' o Tisema, 2014).

KE FAKAHOKO 'A E FILI FALE ALEA (K.7 'O E LAO)

Ko e fili ki he Fale Alea 'oku 'amanaki ke fakahoko ia 'i he 'aho Tu'apulelulu ko hono 27' o Novema 2014. Ko e fili ni ko hono fili ia 'o ha memipa 'e toko taha mei he ngaahi vahenga fili 'e 17 'o e 'otu Tonga ni.

FILI 'A E HOU'EIKI NOPELE

Ko e fili 'o e Kau Fakafongia 'o e Hou'eiki Nopele ki he Fale Alea 'oku fakahoko ia 'o fakata-tau mo e Tu'utu'uni Fili ma'ae Hou'eiki Nopele, pea 'e fakahoko ia 'i he 'aho tatau mo ia 'e fakahoko ai 'a e fili 'o e kau fakafongia 'o e kakai.

Ko e vahevahe 'o e ngaahi vahenga fili 'i he ngaahi vahefonua takitaha 'oku anga pehe ni:

Vahefonua	Kakai	Nopele	Katoa
Tongatapu	10	3	13
Vava'u	3	2	5
Ha'apai	2	2	4
'Eua	1	1	2
Ongo Niua	1	1	2
Katoa	17	9	26

OBJECTION TO PERSONS ON THE ROLL (S.5 (2) OF THE ACT)

An objection to a person on the provisional roll had to be lodged with the Supervisor of Elections within 2 months of the publication of the provisional roll.

APPEALS (S.4 (9) OF THE ACT)

Any elector whose application to register is refused, or whose name has been removed from the register or who disputes the constituency they have been registered in can appeal to the Electoral Commission and it must be in writing.

FINAL ROLL

The Final Roll will be published in the Government Gazette on Monday 22nd September, 2014 in accordance with section 5 of the Electoral Act.

ROLL INFORMATION

The roll is kept by Constituency and then Village. It will show the name and address of each elector, their gender, their Roll Registration Numbers and their Personal ID Numbers on National ID Cards.

SEARCHING THE ROLL (s.4 (10) of the Act)

The roll can be searched between 10am and 3pm on any working day at the office of the Commission and at each Governors Office in Ha'apai and Vava'u and the Government Representatives Office on Eua and the Niuaus. The roll for a village can be made available at the office of the District and Town Officers.

PURCHASING THE ROLL

The roll can be purchased from the Printing firm which printed the roll.

CIVIL SERVANTS

Under section 20 of the Public Service Act as amended, "...A Chief Executive Officer or employee in the Public Service shall resign upon registering as a candidate for election to the Legislative Assembly, the office of town officer or district officer"

NOMINATIONS (Part III, s.9 of the Act)

QUALIFICATIONS

To nominate to be a candidate you must meet each of the qualifications prescribed in the Act and the Constitution. These are:

- Be registered as an elector in the constituency nominated for;
- Be able to complete and sign the Nomination Form (Form 4);
- Have 50 or more persons on the register of voters for the constituency nominate/propose you as a Candidate; by signing the nomination form
- Provide written clearance from the Supreme Court that there is no record of an outstanding order relating to you under clause 65 of the Constitution;
- Provide written clearance from the Magistrates Court that there is no record of an outstanding order relating to you under clause 65 of the Constitution; and
- Be able to deposit \$400 in either cash or a bank cheque drawn on a bank registered or operating in Tonga with the Returning Officer at the time of nomination.

TIME AND PLACE OF NOMINATION (Part III, s.8 & 9 of the Act)

A candidate must nominate at the time and place fixed by the Commission.

The Act provides that there be a maximum of two (2) days for candidates to nominate, and only between the hours of 10am and 3pm.

Nomination of candidates will be held on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October, 2014.

The Returning Officers will be located at the Commission Office in Nuku'alofa, District Governors Office in Ha'apai and Vava'u and the Government Representatives Office on Eua and the Niuaus.

Candidates can only lodge their nominations at the designated office for their respective electoral district.

DECLARATION OF NOMINATIONS AND ORDER OF NAMES ON A BALLOT PAPER

Under Section 12 of the Electoral Act a Returning Officer shall determine, where there are

TOHI FAKAKATOA PE LESISITA FILI (Konga II, k.4 & k.5 'o e Lao)

Ko e Tohi Fakakatoa pe ko e Lesisita Fili 'e ngaue'aki ki he Fili ni 'oku fakatefito ia 'i he tohi fakakatoa faka'osi na'e ngaue'aki ki he fili Fale Alea fakamuimui. Na'e pulusi ai 'a e Tohi Fakakatoa Fakataimi 'i he 'aho 15 Me, 2014.

'Oku 'amanaki ke pulusi 'a e Tohi Fakakatoa Faka'osi 'i he 'aho 22 'o Sepitema, 2014 pea ko kinautolu pe kuo lesisita 'i he taimi ko 'eni pea ha honau hingoa 'i he Tohi Fakakatoa Faka'osi 'e lava kenau fili. Ko kinautolu 'e toki hoko 'a honau ta'u 21 hili hono paaki 'o e tohi fakakatoa faka'osi'e lesisita kinautolu pea 'e ha honau hingoa 'i ha lisi fakalahi makehe (supplementary roll) 'a ia 'e pulusi 'i he 'aho 13 'o Novema, 2014.

LAUNGA FEKAU'AKI MO HA TAHA 'I HE TOHI FAKAKATOA (k.5 (2) 'o e Lao)

Ko ha launga fekau'aki mo ha taha 'i he Tohi Fakakatoa Fakataimi kuo pau ke fakahoko ia ki he Supavaisa 'i loto 'i he mahina 'e ua mei hono pulusi 'o e tohi fakakatoa fakataimi.

NGAAHI TANGI (K.4 (9) 'O E LAO)

'E malava ki ha taha kuo 'ikai tali ha'ane lesisita, pe ko hano to'o hono hingoa mei he lisi 'o e kakai lesisita pe ko hano fehu'ia 'o e vahenga fili'oku nau lesisita ai ke tohi tangi ki he Komisoni.

KO E TOHI FAKAKATOA FAKA'OSI

Kuo fokotu'utu ke pulusi 'a e Tohi Fakakatoa Faka'osi 'i he 'aho 22 'o Sepitema, 2014 'o fakata- tau mo e Kupu 5 'o e Lao ki he Fili Fale Alea.

KO E NGAACHI FAKAMATALA 'I HE TOHI FAKAKATOA

Ko e lisi 'o kinautolu kuo lesisita 'oku ha atu ia 'i he Tohi Fakakatoa 'o fakatatau ki he Vahenga Fili pea mo e kolo 'o e tokotaha lesisita. 'Oku ha ai 'a e hingoa 'o e tokotaha fili pea 'oku toe ha ai pe ko e tangata pe fefine, fika lesisita takitaha pea pehe ki honau fika ID fakafo'ituitui ko ia 'oku ha 'i he Kaati ID Fakafonua.

VAKAI' 'O E TOHI FAKAKATOA (k.4 (10) 'o e Lao)

'E lava ke fai ha vakai ki he Tohi Fakakatoa pe ko ia 'a e lisi 'o kinautolu kuo lesisita mei he taimi 10:00 pongipongi ki he 3:00 efiati 'o e ngaahi'aho ngaue pe 'i he 'Ofisi 'o e Komisoni pe ko e 'Ofisi 'o e ongo Kovana ki Vava'u mo Ha'apai pea pehe ki he ngaahi 'Ofisi 'o e kau Fakaafongong Pule'anga ki 'Eua mo e Ongong Niua. 'E toe lava pe ki ha taha

ke vakai ki he lisi tatau 'a ia 'oku 'i he kau 'Ofisa Kolo mo e kau 'Ofisa Fakavahefonua.

FEITU'U 'E MA'U MEI AI 'A E TOHI FAKAKATOA

Ko e Tohi Fakakatoa Faka'osi 'e lava ke ma'u atu ia mei he Fale Paaki te nau paaki 'a e ngaahi tatau 'o e kasete ni.

KAU NGAUE FAKA-PULE'ANGA

Fakatatau mo e kupu 20 'o e Lao ki he Ngaue Fakapule'anga 'i hono fakatonutonu, "...Kuo pau ke fakafisi ha 'Ofisa Pule Ngaue pe taha ngaue 'i he Ngaue Fakapule'anga 'i ha'ane lesisita ko ha kanititeiti ki he fili ki he Fale Alea, ko e lakanga 'o e 'ofisa kolo pe pule fakavahe"

FOKOTU'U KANITITEITI (Konga III, k.9 'o e Lao)

NGAAHI MAKATU'UNGA

Ko hono fokotu'u 'o ha taha ko e Kanititeiti, kuo pau ke ne ma'u 'a e ngaahi makatu'unga ko'eni 'o fakatatau ki he Lao mo e Konisitutone 'o hange ko 'eni:

- Kuo pau ke ne lesisita ko e tokotaha fili mei he vahenga fili 'oku fokotu'u mei ai;
- Ke fakakakatoa pea fakamo'oni 'i he Foomu Fokotu'u Kanititeiti (Sipinga 4);
- Kuo pau ki ha toko 50 pe lahi hake 'o e kakai kuo nau 'osi lesisita ko e kakai fili 'i he vahenga fili 'oku fokotu'u mei ai 'a e kanititeiti, ke nau fokotu'u mai 'a e kanititeiti 'aki ha'anau fakamo'oni ki he foomu fokotu'u;
- Kuo pau ke 'omai fakataha 'a e foomu fokotu'u kanititeiti mo ha tohi mei he **Fakamaau'anga Lahi** ke fakamo'oni'i 'oku 'ikai ha le-kooti ai 'o ha mo'ua kuo tu'utu'uni ki ai 'a e Fakamaau'anga 'o hange ko ia 'oku ha 'i he Kupu 65 'o e Konisitutone pea;
- Kuo pau ke 'omai fakataha 'a e foomu fokotu'u kanititeiti mo ha tohi mei he **Fakamaau'anga Polisi** ke fakamo'oni'i 'oku 'ikai ha le-kooti ai 'o ha mo'ua kuo tu'utu'uni ki ai 'a e Fakamaau'anga 'o hange ko ia 'oku ha 'i he Kupu 65 'o e Konisitutone;
- Ke totongi 'a e \$400 'i he totongi pa'anga (cash) pe ko ha sieke pangike (bank cheque) mei ha pangike kuo lesisita mo ngaue 'i Tonga ni, pea ke 'ave ia ki he 'Ofisa Faifili 'i he taimi 'o e fokotu'u kanititeiti.

a greater number of candidates than vacant seats, the order in which the names of candidates are to appear on ballot papers to be used in the Election.

Your position on the ballot paper is determined by a draw by lot, with the number drawn by a candidate being their position on the ballot paper. The draw for each constituency will be done by the Returning Officer for the District in which the Constituency is located.

The Returning Officer as soon as possible after the close of nominations for the election publicly produce and before all persons present at that place:

- a list of the names of candidates, in the order their nominations were received; and
- read out that list.

The Returning Officer will then:

- on pieces of paper of equal size, color and texture mark each with a different number, equal to the number of candidates;
- fold each piece paper equally to the same size, each of which is marked with a different number, and place into a container large enough to allow all the pieces of paper to move about freely; and
- ask each candidate in the order in which they nominated to draw from the container one (1) piece of folded paper and hand it to the Returning Officer who will unfold the paper and announce the number, which will be the number position the candidate will appear on the ballot paper.

Where the candidate cannot be present they can authorize a person to act for them. Such authorization is to be in writing and provided to the Returning Officer prior to the draw.

Should a candidate not be present and have not authorized a person to act for them a Police Officer is to draw from the container on behalf of the candidate.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION (Part III, s.9A of the Act)

A candidate can withdraw his or her nomination, but can only do so in accordance with the Act. To withdraw a nomination the candidate must:

- Give to the Supervisor of Elections a notice of withdrawal – Form 8; and
- Do so within 7 days of the receipt of nominations.

A candidate who withdraws their nomination forfeits the \$400 deposit. The Supervisor will notify by public notice the withdrawal of any candidate.

BALLOT PAPER AND OCCUPATIONS, TITLES, HONORS OR DEGREES

Only the name of a candidate and the candidate's town or village is to be shown on the ballot paper. No identification such as occupation, title, honour, or degree will be included on the ballot paper in addition to any candidate's name.

SPENDING LIMIT (PARTIV, S.24)

The Act limits the sum that can be spent to \$10,000. Candidates are advised to take careful note of the qualifications on spending in s.24 of the Act, particularly time periods prior to the election.

They should also ensure they are fully familiar with s.21 to s.23 of the Act in respect of spending.

EXPENSES OF ELECTION STATEMENT (PartIV, s.24 & Form 7 in the Schedule)

A candidate must lodge their statement of expenses with the Supervisor of Elections within 14 Days of the election. It must be itemized and complete in all aspects.

Statements are to be in accordance with Form 7 in the Schedule of the Act.

Candidates are to note carefully the offence provisions in s.24 (4) and s.24 (5) of the Act.

ADVERTISING

Advertising, including handbill, pamphlet, poster, notice or a radio or video recording must comply with the relevant sections of the Act and the Regulations.

Candidates must take careful note of the restrictions within the Act and Regulations in this area. Particularly those dealing with the imitations of a ballot paper, public places and polling stations and the areas around those stations.

They should also note the prohibition on the campaigning by means of any loudspeaker, public

TAIMI MO E FEITU'U 'O E FOKOTU'U KANITITEITI (Konga III, k.8 & 9 'o e Lao)

Kuo pau ke fakahoko 'a hono fokotu'u 'a e kau Kanititeiti 'i he taimi mo e feitu'u 'e tu'utu'uni 'e he Komisoni.

'Oku faka'ata 'e he Lao ha 'aho 'o 'ikai toe lahi hake 'i he 'aho 'e 2 ke fakahoko ai 'a e lesisita pe fokotu'u 'o e kau kanititeiti, pea mei he taimi 10:00 pongipongi ki he 3:00 efiafi. 'E fakahoko ai hono lesisita 'o kinautolu 'o e kau Kanititeiti ki he fili 'i he 'aho Tu'apulelulu ko hono 23 mo e Falaite ko hono 24 'o 'Okatopa, 2014.

Ko e kau 'Ofisa Faifili te nau 'i he 'Ofisi 'o e Komisoni Fili 'i Nuku'alofa, 'Ofisi 'o e ongo Kovana'i Vava'u mo Ha'apai pea pehe ki he 'Ofisi' o e kau Fakafofonga Pule'anga 'i 'Eua mo e Ongoniu ke tali 'a e ngaahi fokotu'u kotoa pe.

Kuo pau ko e ngaahi fokotu'u kanititeiti kotoa pe ke fakahu ia ki he taha 'o e ngaahi 'Ofisi ni, 'o fakatatau ki he vahefonua mo e vahenga fili 'oku fokotu'u mei ai.

FAKAHA 'O E NGAAHI FOKOTU'U PEA MO E HOKOHOKO 'O E NGAAHI HINGOA 'I HE PEPA PALOTI

Fakatatau mo e ongo kupu 9(5) mo e 12 'o e Lao Fili, kuo pau ki he 'Ofisa Faifili ke ne fakapapau'i i he taimi 'oku lahi ange ai 'a e tokolahi 'o e kau kanititeiti 'i he Sea takitaha, 'a e hokohoko 'o e ngaahi hingoa 'o e kau kanititeiti 'e ha 'i he pepa paloti 'e ngaue'aki 'i he fili.

Ko e hokohoko 'o e kau kanititeiti 'e fakapapau'i 'aki ia hano toho 'e kinautolu 'a e kau kanititeiti ha fika 'e 'oatu, pea ko e hokohoko ia 'e ha 'i he pepa paloti. Ko e toho 'a e kau kanititeiti ma'ae ngaahi vahenga fili takitaha 'e fakahoko ia 'e he 'Ofisa Faifili ma'ae vahefonua takitaha 'a ia'oku 'i ai 'a e vahenga fili 'oku fokotu'u mei ai.

Hili hono tapuni 'a e lesisita, 'e hanga 'e he 'Ofisa Faifili 'o fakaha 'i mu'a 'iate kinautolu 'a e kau kanititeiti:

- Ha lisi 'o kinautolu kuo nau lesisita ko e kau kanititeiti 'o fakatatau mo e hokohoko 'o 'enau lesisita; pea
- Ke ne lau foki 'a e lisi ko ia.

'E toki hanga leva 'e he 'Ofisa Faifili 'o:

- 'Ai ha ngaahi mata'ifika kehekehe 'o fakatatau mo e tokolahi 'o e kau kanititeiti ki he vahenga fili takitaha 'i ha ngaahi lau'ipepa lalahi tatau mo lanu tatau;

- Pelupelu tatau 'a e ngaahi lau'ipepa ko ia 'a ia kuo 'i ai ha ngaahi mata'ifika ni, pea ke fa' o ia ki ha koniteina 'oku lahi fe'unga ke fefiohi lelei ai 'a e ngaahi lau'ipepa ni; pea
- Ke toho leva mei ai 'e he kau kanititeiti 'o fakahokohoko mei he hokohoko 'o 'enau lesisita ha fo'i fika 'e taha (1) pea ke 'oange ia ki he 'Ofisa Faifili 'a ia te ne folahi hake ia 'one ui 'a e fika 'oku ha ai, 'a ia ko e fika ia 'e fakahokohoko 'aki 'a e kanititeiti 'i he pepa paloti.

Kapau 'e 'ikai malava ke kau mai ha kanititeiti ki he paloti ni pea 'e lava pe ke ne fokotu'u mai ha taha ke ne fakahoko 'a e fatongia ko ia ma'ana. Ko ha fokotu'u pehe, kuo pau ke fakahoko mai ia 'e he Kanititeiti 'aki ha'ane tohi pea ke 'oange ia ki he 'Ofisa Faifili, kimu'a pea fakahoko 'a e paloti ni.

Ko ha kanititeiti 'e 'ikai ke 'i he paloti ni, pea na'e 'ikai te ne fakamafai'i ha taha ke ne fakahoko 'a e toho ma'ana, 'e fakahoko leva 'e he 'Ofisa Polisi 'a e toho 'o fakafongga' 'a e kanititeiti ko ia.

FAKAFOKI 'O HA FOKOTU'U KANITITEITI (Konga III, k.9A 'o e Lao)

'E lava 'e ha Kanititeiti ke ne fakafoki 'a hono fokotu'u ia ka kuo pau ke fakahoko ia 'o fakatatau ki he Lao. Ko hano fakafoki 'o ha fokotu'u kanititeiti kuo pau ki he kanititeiti ko ia:

- Ke ne 'ave ki he Supavaisa hano fakaha 'o e fakafoki ko ia 'i he Sipinga 8 'o e Lao ki he Fili Fale Alea; pea
- Ke fakahoko ia 'i loto 'i he 'aho 'e 7 mei hono fokotu'u 'o e kanititeiti.

Ko ha kanititeiti kuo ne fakafoki 'a hono fokotu'u ia kuo pau ke mole 'a 'ene \$400 na'a ne totongi. Ko e Supavaisa leva ke ne fakahoko ki he kakai' o e fonua 'i ha fanongonongo, 'a e fakafoki 'o e kanititeiti.

PEPA PALOTI (Ngaahi Ngaue, Hingoa Fakanofa, Faka-langilangi pe Ngaahi Mata'itohi)

Ko e hingoa pe 'o ha kanititeiti pea pehe ki hono kolo 'e ha 'i he pepa paloti 'o 'ikai to e kau ki ai ha to e fa'ahinga hingoa kehe hange ko e ngaue pe ha hingoa fakanofa, hingoa fakalangilangi pe ha mata'itohi fakaako

FAKAMOLE 'I HE FILI (Konga IV, k.24)

'Oku fakangatangata 'e he Lao 'a e fakamole 'a ha Kanititeiti ki ha fili ki he \$10,000. 'Oku matu'aki mahu'inga ai ki he kanititeiti ke ne fakatokanga' i 'a e ngaahi makatu'unga 'o e fakamole 'a ia 'oku

address, film, video, television or radio in 24 hours prior to the start of the polling and during the hours of polling.

Candidates should make sure that they remove their material from all locations on or before polling day.

MEETINGS AND RALLIES

The holding of meetings and rallies are the responsibility of the Candidate and the permission of the Commission is not required. There may however be rules and/or regulations relating to the holding of these under Public Order or State of Emergency provisions.

Candidates are advised to ensure they meet all necessary requirements of Government or Law Enforcement agencies.

VOTING METHOD

Electors will choose one person for their constituency only. On polling day an elector will, from the candidates on the ballot paper, choose ONE and one only by placing a mark (✓) in the circle opposite the candidate of their choice.

POLLING DAY

On polling day candidates can only enter a polling station when they go to vote. They can visit their supporters outside polling stations in the Constituency they are standing in, but not make speeches or statements in or near these stations.

COUNTING THE BALLOT (Part III, s.16 of the Act)

After the close of the poll the Returning Officer at each Polling Station will open the ballot box and count the ballot papers. The papers will be counted by candidate and at the end of the count the Returning Officer will announce the number of votes received by each candidate for that station, together with any votes that are void.

The result from each polling station is transmitted to each District Office, who compiles the result by Constituency and forward it to the Supervisor of Elections.

ELECTION RESULT

The result of the count for each constituency is announced by the Supervisor of Elections following the compilation of the result from each polling station, together with any votes taken at a designated polling station in District for electors residing there temporarily and on the roll in another District.

The successful candidate in a Constituency will be the one with the highest number of votes, commonly termed "First Past the Post".


Where two or more candidates receive the same highest number of votes for a Constituency the winning candidate will be selected by a toss of a coin in the presence of the candidates and in such a manner determined by the Supervisor of Elections.

RECOUNTS (PART III, S.17 OF THE ACT) TIMEFRAME

A candidate may request a recount within one week of the declaration of the poll for a constituency. The request must be in writing and addressed to the Supervisor of Elections.

**"KO E LAO KI HE FILI FALE ALEA, 1989
SIPINGA 5 (KUPU 12(1))**

PEPA PALOTI

 **NO 0000**

PEPA PALOTI MA'AE FAKAFOFONGA 'O E KAKAI

VAHENG A FILI : TONGATAPU 0
(*Fai'anga Fili*)

2010
TONGA

*Oku ou toto ke fakafofonga ma'ae kakai ki he Fale Alea 'o Tonga
'i he 2010 - 2014

HINGOA	KOLO	FILI
1. HINGOA 'O E KANITITEITI	Kolo 'o e Kanititeiti	<input type="radio"/>
2. HINGOA 'O E KANITITEITI	Kolo 'o e Kanititeiti	<input type="radio"/>
3. HINGOA 'O E KANITITEITI	Kolo 'o e Kanititeiti	<input type="radio"/>
4. HINGOA 'O E KANITITEITI	Kolo 'o e Kanititeiti	<input type="radio"/>
5. HINGOA 'O E KANITITEITI	Kolo 'o e Kanititeiti	<input type="radio"/>
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9. HINGOA 'O E KANITITEITI	Kolo 'o e Kanititeiti	<input type="radio"/>
10. HINGOA 'O E KANITITEITI	Kolo 'o e Kanititeiti	<input type="radio"/>

TOKANGA:
1. Fakahoko 'a ho'o fili 'aki hano faka'ilonga'i'aki ha "✓" 'i he feitu'u ko ia kuo faka'ilonga'i'atu 'i he fili pe ko ia 'a e hingoa 'o e Kanititeiti 'e toko 1 'oku ke fili ai.
2. 'I he hili 'a ho'o fili, pea ke pelu 'a ho'o lau 'i pepa paloti pea fakahu ki he toto puha paloti.

ha 'i he kupu 24 'o e Lao, 'o tautefito ki he taimi pe piliote kimu'a 'i he fili.

'E matu'aki mahu'inga foki ke fakapapau'i mo mahino'i 'e he kanititeiti 'a e k.21 mo e k.23 'o e lao 'i he'ene fekau'aki mo e ngaahi fakamole.

FAKAMATALA FEKAU'AKI MO E FAKAMOLE 'I HE FILI (Konga IV, k.24 & Sipinga 7 'o e Tepile)

Kuo pau ki he kau Kanititeiti kotoa pe ke nau 'omai 'a 'enau fakamatala fekau'aki mo 'enau ngaahi fakamole 'i he fili ki he Supavaisa 'o e Fili 'i loto 'i he 'aho'e 14 mei he 'aho fili. Kuo pau ko e fakamatala ko 'eni ke fakafa'ahinga pea ke kakato mei he ngaahi tafa'aki kotoa.

Ko e fakamatala ko 'eni kuo pau ke fakahoko ia 'o fakatatau mo e Sipinga 7 'i he Tepile 'o e Lao.

'E mahu'inga ki he kau Kanititeiti kenau fakatokanga'i 'a e ngaahi kupu 'i he Lao fekau'aki mo e ngaahi hia 'o hange ko e k.24 (4) mo e k.24 (5) 'o e Lao.

TU'UAKI

Ko ha ngaahi tu'uaki 'o kau ai ha ngaahi pepa ke tufa pe fokotu'u 'i ha feitu'u, ngaahi fanongonongo 'i he letio pe vitio kuo pau ke fakahoko ia 'o fakatatau mo e ngaahi kupu 'o e Lao mo e ngaahi Tu'utu'uni fekau'aki mo e fili.

'E matu'aki mahu'inga ke 'ilo'i 'e he kau Kanititeiti 'a e ngaahi fakangatanga 'oku 'i he Lao pea mo e ngaahi Tu'utu'uni fekau'aki mo e ngaahi 'elia ko 'eni ka e tautefito ki he ngaahi konga fekau'aki mo hono hiki tatau 'o e pepa paloti, ngaahi feitu'u fai'anga fili pea mo e ngaahi feitu'u ofi 'i he ngaahi feitu'u fai'anga fili.

'Oku totonu ke fakatokanga'i 'e he Kanititeiti 'a e ngaahi ngaue 'oku 'ikai ngofua 'i he kemi-peini 'aki 'a e ngaahi me'angaue hange ko e me'a fakaongo le'olahi, ngaahi fakataha, filimi, vitio, televisone pe letio 'i he houa 'e 24 kimu'a 'i he kamata 'a e fili.

Ko e fatongia ia 'o e kau Kanititeiti ke to'o kotoa 'a 'enau ngaahi naunau tu'uaki mei honau ngaahi tu'u'anga kimu'a, pe 'i he 'aho fili.

NGAAHI FAKATAHA

Ko e fatongia ia 'o e Kanititeiti ke fakahoko 'a 'ene ngaahi fakataha 'o 'ikai fiema'u ha fa'ahinga ngofua ki ai mei he Komisoni. Ka neongo ia, 'e lava ke 'i ai ha ngaahi Tu'utu'uni 'o fekau'aki mo hono tauhi 'o e maau pea 'e matu'aki mahu'inga ki he kau Kanititeiti ke nau fakapapau'i 'oku nau

muimui 'i he ngaahi fiema'u 'a e Pule'anga pe ko kinautolu 'oku nau fakahoko 'a e ngaahi Lao ko ia.

FOUNGA FILI

Ko e tokotaha fili kotoa pe te ne fili 'a e toko taha (1) mei he vahenga fili 'oku ne fili mei ai.

'I he 'aho fili. 'E hanga 'e he tokotaha fili 'o fili'a e TOKOTAHA mei he lisi 'o e kau Kanititeiti 'i he pepa paloti 'aki hano faka'ilonga'i (✓) 'i he siakale kuo 'oatu 'i he pepa paloti 'o fakatatau ki he kanititeiti 'oku ne loto ke fili ai.

"KO E LAO KI HE FILI FALE ALEA, 1989
SIPINGA 5 (KUPU 12(1))

PEPA PALOTI

NO 0000

PEPA PALOTI MA'AE FAKAFOFONGA 'O E KAKAI

VAHENGA FILI : TONGATAPU 0
(Fai'anga Fili)

2010
(TAU)

'Oku ou loto ke fakafongua ma'ae kakai ki he Pale Alea 'o Tonga 'i he 2010 - 2014

HINGOA	KOLO	FILI
1. HINGOA 'O E KANITITEITI	Kolo 'o e Kanititeiti	●
2. HINGOA 'O E KANITITEITI	Kolo 'o e Kanititeiti	●
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10. HINGOA 'O E KANITITEITI	Kolo 'o e Kanititeiti	●

TOKANGA:
1. Fakahoko 'a ho'o fili 'aki hano faka'ilonga'i 'aki ha "✓" 'i he feitu'u ko ia kuo faka'ilonga'i atu 'i he fili pe ko ia 'a e hingoa 'o e Kanititeiti 'e toko 1 'oku ke fili ai.
2. 'I he hili 'a ho'o fili, pea ke pelu 'a ho'o lau 'i pepa paloti pea fakahu ki he loto puha paloti.

'AHO FILI

'I he 'aho fili, ko e taimi pe ke hu ai ha Kanititeiti ki ha fai'anga fili 'i he taimi ko ia 'oku 'alu ai ke fakahoko 'a 'ene fili. 'E lava pe ke ne fe'iloaki ai mo e kakai fili ka 'i tu'a 'i he fai'anga fili 'i he vahenga fili 'oku fili ai pea 'e 'ikai ke ne fai ha lea pe malanga fili 'i ha feitu'u ofi ki he ngaahi fai'anga fili.

LAU 'O E FILI (Konga III, k.16 'o e Lao)

Hili 'a e tapuni 'o e fili kuo pau ki he 'Ofisa Faifili 'i he ngaahi feitu'u fai'anga fili takitaha ke ne fakaava 'a e puha paloti pea ke lau mo e pepa paloti. Ko e pepa paloti kuo pau ke lau ia 'o fakatatau ki he kau Kanititeiti pea ki he 'Ofisa Faifili ke ne fakaha e ola pe lahi 'o e fili ki he Kanititeiti takitaha 'i he feitu'u fai'anga fili takitaha, fakataha mo ha fili na'e fakata'e'aonga'i.

Ko e ola leva 'o e fili mei he ngaahi fai'anga

COST

A candidate requesting a recount must pay the Supervisor of Elections, at the time of the request, a fee of \$1000 in either cash, a bank cheque drawn on a bank registered or operating in Tonga.

RESULT OF RECOUNT

The Supervisor will conduct the count and announce the result. The decision of the Supervisor is final.

REFUND OF FEE

The fee lodged by the candidate can be refunded if:

- As a result of a recount a different candidate is elected; or
- The Supervisor of Elections certifies that in his opinion the demand for a recount was reasonable.

OFFENCES (Part III & Part IV of the Act and Regulations)

Candidates must ensure that they are aware of the offences provisions of the Act and the Regulations. They cover such things as:

- Failing to allow employees time to vote;
- Impersonation of persons or voters;
- Attempting to vote more than once in an Election;
- Providing false or misleading information to officers of the Commission;
- Bribery or the giving of gifts, inducements, advances, payments or promises to electors or others to vote or not vote or to do or take actions to secure a vote;
- Threats to voters, family or property of an elector or threatens, hinders, obstructs or abuses a

polling official or officer of the Electoral Commission;

- Hinder, obstruct, annoy or pester an elector going to, or at a polling station;
- Making speeches or statements in view or hearing of any public place or polling station, or by loudspeaker, PA system, television, video or radio that relates to the poll, on polling day;
- Have or maintain a kava booth, entertainment tent or the like in a public place or near a polling station;
- Shows or places near a polling station any sign, card, photograph or paper that has the names of candidates, or directs or indicates how any person should vote;
- Failure to lodge an Election spending statement within the time required;
- Lodging a spending statement that is false; or
- Failing to authorize an electoral advertisement, handbill, pamphlet, poster or notice appearing, being broadcast or published.

PETITIONS (Part V of the Act)

Should you wish to question the conduct or result of the election, or the actions of those elected you will need to do so in accordance with Part V of the Act.

The Commission can assist you by providing information of a general nature; it cannot provide you with formal or informal legal advice.

Candidates must satisfy themselves about their own legal positions and, if necessary, refer to the exact provisions of the Constitution, the Act and Regulations, and consult their own lawyers or legal advisers.

fili takitaha kuo pau ke fakahoko ia ki he 'Ofisa Faifili 'o e ngaahi vahefonua takitaha 'a ia te ne fakatahataha'i 'a e ola 'o e fili ko ia 'o fakatatau ki he ngaahi vahenga fili pea ke fakahoko ia ki he Supavaisa 'o e Fili.

OLA 'O E FILI

Ko e ola 'o e fili mei he ngaahi vahenga fili takitaha 'e fakaha ia 'e he Supavaisa 'o e Fili hili hono fakama'opo'opo 'o e ola 'o e fili mei he ngaahi feitu'u fai'anga fili fakataha mo ha fili mei ha ngaahi feitu'u fai'anga fili pau ma'a kinautolu 'a e kakai fili mei ha vahefonua kehe ka 'oku nau 'i he vahefonua kehe 'i he taimi 'o e fili.

Ko e Kanititeiti 'oku ne ma'u 'a e fili lahi taha mei ha vahenga fili, ko e Kanititeiti ia te ne ikuna 'a e fili 'a e vahenga fili ko ia 'a ia ko e founa fili ia 'oku ui ia ko e "First-Past-the-Post".

Kapau leva 'e 'i ai ha ongo Kanititeiti pe kau kanititeiti te nau ma'u 'a e fo'i fili ma'olunga taha 'aki 'a e fika tatau pe mahanga 'i he vahenga fili, kuo pau ke fakafaikehekehe'i 'a e ola ko ia 'aki hano vilohi 'o ha fo'i silimi maka 'i he 'ao 'o e kau kanititeiti pe 'i ha founa 'e fakapapau'i 'e he Supavaisa 'o e Fili.

TOE LAU 'O E FILI (KONGA III, K.17 'O E LAO) TAIMI KE FAKAHOKO AI

'E lava 'e ha Kanititeiti ke ne kole ke toe fai 'a hono toe lau 'o e fili 'o ha vahenga fili pea ke fakahoko 'eni 'i loto 'i he uike 'e taha mei hono fakaha 'o e ola 'o e fili 'a ha vahenga fili. Ko e kole ko 'eni kuo pau ke fakahoko ia 'i ha tohi pea ke fakatu'asila ia ki he Supavaisa 'o e Fili.

TOTONGI

Ko ha Kanititeiti 'oku ne kole ke toe lau ha fili kuo pau ke ne totongi ki he Supavaisa 'o e Fili 'i he taimi 'o e kole 'a e totongi ko e \$1000 'o totongi'aki ia 'a e pa'anga (cash) pe ko ha sieke pangike mei ha pangike 'oku lesisita mo ngaue 'i Tonga ni.

OLA 'O E FILI 'I HONO TOE LAU

Kuo pau ki he Supavaisa ke ne fakahoko 'a hono toe lau 'o e fili pea ke fakaha 'a e ola 'o hono toe lau 'o e fili. Hili hono fakaha 'e he Supavaisa 'a e ola 'o e fili pea 'e hoko ia ko e tu'utu'uni aofangatuku ia ki he ola 'o ha fili.

FAKAFOKI 'O HA PA'ANGA KUO TOTONGI

'E lava ke toe fakafoki ha pa'anga kuo totongi ki hano toe lau 'o e fili kapau:

- 'E hoko 'a e ola 'o hono toe lau 'o ha fili ke fili

ai ha kanititeiti kehe pe;

- Ko hano fakamo'oni'i 'e he Supavaisa 'o e Fili 'o fakatatau ki he 'ene fakakaukau na'e makatu'unga lelei 'a hono toe lau 'o e fili.

NGAAHI HIA (KONGA III & KONGA IV 'O E LAO mo e Ngaahi Tu'utu'uni)

'Oku mahu'inga ki he kau Kanititeiti ke nau matu'aki fakapapau'i 'oku nau 'ilo'i 'a e ngaahi kupu fekau'aki mo e ngaahi hia 'i he Lao pea mo e ngaahi Tu'utu'uni fekau'aki mo e fili. 'Oku kau heni 'a e ngaahi me'a ni:

- 'Ikai lava fakafaingamalie'i e kau ngaue ke fili;
- Feinga ke ngaue'aki ha fakamatala 'o ha taha kehe;
- Feinga ke fili tu'o ua pe lahi hake 'i he fai'anga fili;
- 'Ave 'o ha fa'ahinga fakamatala hala pe taki hala ki he kau 'Ofisa 'o e Komisoni;
- Totongi Fakafufu pe foaki 'o ha me'a'ofa pe totongi 'o ha fa'ahinga me'a pe fa'ahinga palomesi ma'ae kakai fili, pe kakai kehe ke fili pe 'ikai ke fili pe ke fakahoko 'o ha ngaue ke lava ma'u ai ha fili 'a ha taha;
- Fakamanamana'i 'o ha kakai fili, famili pe ko ha koloa 'a ha taha fili pe fakafaingata'a'ia'i pe pa'usi'i 'a e kau ngaue pe 'ofisa 'o e Komisoni;
- Ta'ofi, fakafaingata'a'ia'i, faka'ita'i ha taha fili'oku 'alu ke fili pe 'i he fai'anga fili;
- Ko ha toe malanga fili pe lea 'e lava ke mamata ki ai pe fanongo ki ai ha taha mei ha feitu'u faka-pule'anga pe fai'anga fili pe fakahoko 'aki ha me'afakaongo le'olahi, televisone, vitio pe letio 'o fekau'aki mo e fili, 'i he 'aho fili;
- Ke toe 'i ai ha feitu'u fai'anga faikava, teniti fakafiefia pe ha me'a tatau mo ia 'i ha feitu'u faka-pule'anga pe ofi ki ha feitu'u fai'anga fili;
- Ke toe fakaha pe fokotu'u ofi ki he ngaahi feitu'u fai'anga fili ha fa'ahinga faka'ilonga, kaati, la'ita pe ha pepa 'oku 'i ai e hingoa 'o e kau Kanititeiti, pe ke fakahinohino 'a e anga 'o e fili 'o ha taha;
- 'Ikai ke fakakakato mo fakahu mai 'a e fakamatala fakaikiiki mo totonu fekau'aki mo e ngaahi fakamole 'a ha kanititeiti 'i he fili 'i loto 'i he taimi 'oku fiema'u;
- Ko hono fakahu mai 'o ha fakamatala 'a ia 'oku'ikai mo'oni pe;
- 'ikai lava ke fakamafai'i 'o ha fa'ahinga tu'uaki fekau'aki mo e fili 'i he pepa 'oku tufa, posters pe ko ha fanongonongo 'oku fakahoko 'i he

