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| 1. Short Title | 2. New Part added |

 1972, No. 7

An Act to amend the House of Arikis Act 1966 by adding a new part providing for meetings of kavana, mataiapo and rangatira

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Assembly of the Cook Islands in Session assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title - This Act may be cited as the House of Arikis Amendment Act 1972 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the House of Arikis Act 1966 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").
2. New Part added - The principal Act is hereby amended by adding after section 20 a new Part as follows:

PART II
Koutu Nui

21. Interpretation - In this Part unless the context otherwise requires -
 - "Kavana" means a person entitled to hold office as a Kavana in accordance with custom in the Cook Islands:
 - "Mataiapo" means a person entitled to hold office as a mataiapo in accordance with custom in the Cook Islands:
 - "Rangatira" means a person entitled to hold office as a rangatira in accordance with custom in the Cook Islands:

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22. Koutu Nui - The kavana, mataiapo and rangatira of the Cook Islands may meet together at such times and at such places as they shall determine and when so meeting together they shall be known as the Koutu Nui.
23. Functions of Koutu Nui - (1) The Koutu Nui may discuss and make recommendations or resolutions on any matter relating to the customs and traditions of the Cook Islands.
- (2) Any recommendations or resolutions of the Koutu Nui may be conveyed by the Koutu Nui to the House of Arikis through the Clerk of the House or to the Government of the Cook Islands through the Premier.
24. Procedure at meetings - (1) At each meeting the Koutu Nui shall elect a mataiapo or kavana as Chairman and the person so elected shall preside over that meeting.
- (2) Any Arikis shall be permitted to attend and speak but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Koutu Nui.
- (3) All questions arising at any meetings shall be decided by a majority of the valid votes recorded thereon.
- (4) All kavana, mataiapo and rangatira attending a meeting of the Koutu Nui shall be entitled to one vote each.
- (5) Subject to this Part of this Act the Koutu Nui may regulate its procedure in such manner as it thinks fit.
25. Additional function of kavana, mataiapo and rangatira - the kavana, mataiapo and rangatira may also assist in projects, undertakings, and work in the Cook Islands or any island or district thereof in association with any Island Council, District Council or Village Committee or otherwise.”
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