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**AN ACT** to amend Section 428 of the *Births, Deaths and Marriage Registration Act 1988* (26 MIRC, Chapter 4) in order to raise the legal age for marriage of girls from 16 to 18.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

**§1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Births, Deaths and Marriage Registration (Amendment) Act 2016.

**§2. Amendment**

Section 428 shall be amended by revising the existing language as follows:

**§428. Requisites of a marriage.**

In order to contract a valid marriage it shall be necessary:

- (a) that the male at the time of contracting the marriage be not less than eighteen (18) years of age and the female be not less than eighteen (18) years of age;
- (b) that the marriage between the two parties is not within the prohibited degrees of marriage by law or custom; and
- (c) that where either of the parties were married earlier, the former spouse of that party has died, or the prior marriage of that party was annulled or dissolved by a court of competent jurisdiction.

**§3. Effective Date**

This Act shall take effect in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of Procedures for the Nitijela.

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**CERTIFICATE**

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**I hereby certify:**

1. That Nitijela Bill No: 26 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016; and
2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No: 26 was passed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela.

I hereby place my signature before the Clerk this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.



**Hon. Kenneth A. Kedi**  
 Speaker  
 Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

**Attest:**



**Morean Watak**  
 Clerk  
 Nitijela of the Marshall Islands