PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

PROVINCIAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT)

A BILL to amend the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988

Presented by the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government on 26th of July, 2017

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Ordered by Parliament to be printed

[Bill No. 195]
STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2: This clause amends section 10 of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of the section as amended is to specify the number of female candidates to be included in a nomination paper.

Clause 3: This clause amends section 13 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to include not less than thirty per centum of female candidates out of the total number of candidates included in a nomination paper.

Clause 4: This clause amends section 17 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to reject any nomination paper which does not contain the number of female candidates required to be nominated.
Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment)

L.D.—O. 30/2015

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVINCIAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS
ACT, NO. 2 OF 1988

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 0 of 2017.

2. Section 10 of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section by the substitution for the words “and the number of candidates required under section 13 (1) to be” of the words “and the number of candidates required under section 13 (1) and the number of female candidates required under section 13 (1A) to be”.

3. Section 13 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the addition of following subsections immediately after subsection (1) of that section:

“(1A) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Act, not less than thirty per centum of the total number of candidates whose names appear in each nomination paper submitted under subsection (1) shall consist of female candidates.

(1B) Where the total number of female candidates to be nominated is such, that thirty per centum of that number would be an integer and fraction, the nearest integer to that integer and fraction shall be deemed to be the thirty per centum for the purpose of this section”.

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4. Section 17 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) thereof by the substitution for the words “required to be” of the words “including the number of female candidates required to be”.

5. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.
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