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**SRI LANKA**

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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE JUDICATURE ACT, NO. 2 OF 1978

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

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| **1.** | This Act may be cited as the Judicature (Amendment) | Short title. |

Act, No. 5 of 2019.

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| **2.** | Section 45 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 is | Amendment of  section 45 of Act, No. 2 of 1978. |
| hereby amended as follows:— | |
| (i) | by the repeal of subsection (2) of that section and |

the substitution therefor of the following new   
subsection:—

“(2)The Minister may, from time to time   
by notice published in the *Gazette,* appoint   
such persons as shall be named in such notice   
to be Justices of the Peace for the Republic of   
Sri Lanka or for any administrative district as   
to the Minister shall seem expedient:

Provided however, where any appointment   
of any Justice of the Peace has been made   
prior to the date of coming into operation of   
this proviso for any zone, district or division,   
such appointment shall be deemed to have   
been made for the relevant administrative   
district containing the Divisional Secretary’s   
Division within which the residence of such   
Justice of the Peace was situated at the time   
of appointment for such zone, district or   
division.”;

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| 2 | (ii) | *Judicature (Amendment) Act, No. 5 of 2019* |
| by the insertion of the following new subsection |

immediately after subsection (2):—

“(2A) For the purposes of this section  
“administrative district” shall mean an   
administrative district established under the   
Administrative Districts Act (Chapter 392).”;

(iii) by the insertion of the following subsection immediately after subsection (5):—

“(6) The Minister may make regulations for   
the suspension, cancellation and termination of   
office of a Justice of the Peace.”.

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| Sinhala text to  prevail in case of inconsistency. | **3.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | |

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