

**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF**   
**SRI LANKA**

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**JUDICATURE (AMENDMENT)**

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**BILL**

**to amend the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2:* This clause amends section 45 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and the legal effect of the section as amended is to enable Justices of Peace to be appointed for any Administrative District and to deem all those who have been appointed to any zone, district or division prior to coming into operation of this proviso to have been appointed to such 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 and to enable the Minister to make regulations for the suspension, cancellation and termination of office of Justices of Peace.

*Judicature (Amendment)* L. D.—O. 33/ 2017

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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. of 2019.

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| 5 | **2.** | Section 45 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 is | Amendment of |
| hereby amended as follows:— | | section 45 of |
| Act, No. 2 of |

1978.

(i) by the repeal of subsection (2) of that section and   
 the substitution therefor of the following new   
 subsection:—

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| 10 | “(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 15 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

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| 20 | 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 25 of appointment for such zone, district or division.”.

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| 2 | (ii) | *Judicature (Amendment)* |
| by the insertion of the following new subsection |

immediately after subsection (2):—

“(2A) For the purposes of this section

“administrative district” shall mean an

5 administrative district established under the

Administrative Districts Act (Chapter 392).”.

(iii) by the insertion of the following subsection

immediately after subsection (5):—

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| 10 | “(6) | The Minister may make regulations for the |
| suspension, cancellation and termination of |

office of a Justice of the Peace.”.

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

inconsistency.

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