

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

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**TWENTIETH AMENDMENT**   
**TO THE CONSTITUTION**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**

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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE CONSTITUTIONOFTHE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLICOF SRI LANKA

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

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| 5 | **1.** This Act may be cited as the Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution. | | | | | | Short title. |
| **2.** The Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (in this Act referred to as the “Constitution”) is hereby amended in paragraph (3A)(*a*)(i) of Article 31 thereof, by the substitution, for the words “by election, for a further term.”, of the words “by election, for a second term.”. | | | | | | Amendment |
| of Article 31 |
| 10 | of the |
| Constitution |
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| Democratic |
| Socialist |
| Republic of |
| 15 | **3.** Article 33 of the Constitution is hereby repealed and the following Article substituted therefor:- | | | | | | Sri Lanka. |
| Replacement |
| of Article 33 of |
| the Constitution. |
| “Powers and functions of the  President. | 33. In addition to the powers and functions expressly conferred on or assigned to him by the Constitution or by any written law, the President shall have the power- | | | | |
| 20 | (*a*) to make the Statement of Government | | | | | |
| Policy | | in | Parliament | at | the |
| commencement of each session of | | | | | |
| Parliament; | | | | | |

(*b*) to preside at ceremonial sittings of   
 Parliament;

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| 25 | (*c*) to receive and recognize and to appoint and accredit Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Plenipotentiaries and other diplomatic agents; |

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| 2  5  10  15  20 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution*  (*d*) to appoint as President’s Counsel, attorneys-at-law who have reached eminence in the profession and have maintained high standards of conduct and professional rectitude. Every President’s Counsel appointed under this paragraph shall be entitled to all such privileges as were hitherto enjoyed by a Queen’s Counsel;  (*e*) to keep the Public seal of the Republic, and to make and execute under the Public seal the acts of appointment of the Prime Minister and other Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers, the Chief Justice and other Judges of the Supreme Court, such grants and dispositions of lands and immovable property vested in the Republic as he is by law required or empowered to do, and to use the Public Seal for sealing all things whatsoever that shall pass that Seal; |

(*f*) to declare war and peace; and

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| 25 | (*g*) to do all such acts and things, not being | Repeal of |
| inconsistent with the provisions of the |
| Constitution or written law, as by |
| international law, custom or usage he is |
| required or authorized to do.”. |
| **4.** Article 33A of the Constitution is hereby repealed. |
| Article 33A |
| 30 | **5.**  Article 35 of the Constitution is hereby repealed  and the following Article substituted therefor:- | of the |
| Constitution. |
| Replacement of Article 35 of the  Constitution. |

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| 5 | “Immunity | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | 3 |
| 35. (1) While any person holds office as |
| of President | President, no proceedings shall be instituted or |
| from suit. |
| continued against him in any court or tribunal in |
| respect of anything done or omitted to be done |
| by him either in his official or private capacity. |
| (2) Where provision is made by law limiting |
| the time within which proceedings of any |
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| description may be brought against any person, |
| the period of time during which such person |
| holds the office of President shall not be taken |
| into account in calculating any period of time |
| prescribed by that law. |
| 15 | (3) The immunity conferred by the provisions |
| of paragraph (1) of this Article shall not apply to |
| any proceedings in any court in relation to the |
| exercise of any power pertaining to any subject |
| 20 | or function assigned to the President or remaining |
| in his charge under paragraph (2) of Article 44 or |
| to proceedings in the Supreme Court under |
| paragraph (2) of Article 129 or to proceedings in |
| the Supreme Court under Article 130 (a) relating |
| 25 | to the election of the President or the validity of |
| a referendum or to proceedings in the Court of |
| Appeal under Article 144 or in the Supreme Court, |
| relating to the election of a Member of Parliament: |

Provided that any such proceedings in relation   
to the exercise of any power pertaining to any   
such subject or function shall be instituted against   
the Attorney-General.”.

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| 30 | **6.**  Chapter VIIA of the Constitution is hereby  repealed and the following Chapter substituted therefor:- | Replacement |
| of Chapter |
| VIIA of the |
| Constitution. |

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“**CHAPTER VII A**

**THE EXECUTIVE**

THE PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL

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| 5 | President to | 41A. (1) The Chairmen and members of the |
| make the | Commissions referred to in Schedule I to this |
| appointments |
| Article and the persons to be appointed to the |
| in respect |
| offices referred to in Part I and Part II of Schedule |
| of the |
| II to this Article shall be appointed to such |
| Commissions |
| 10 | and offices | Commissions and such offices by the President. |
| referred to | In making such appointments, the President |
| in the |
| shall seek the observations of a Parliamentary |
| Schedules. |
| Council (hereinafter referred to as “the |
| Council”), comprising– |

(*a*) the Prime Minister;

15 (*b*) the Speaker;

(*c*) the Leader of the Opposition;

(*d*) a nominee of the Prime Minister, who   
 shall be a Member of Parliament; and

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| 20  25 | (*e*) a nominee of the Leader of the Opposition, who shall be a Member of Parliament:  Provided that, the persons appointed in terms of sub-paragraphs (*d*) and (*e*) above shall be nominated in such manner as would ensure that the nominees would belong to communities which are communities other than those to which the persons specified in paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) above, belong. |

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**SCHEDULE I**

1. The Election Commission.

2. The Public Service Commission.

3. The National Police Commission.

5 4. The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka.

5. The Commission to Investigate Allegations   
 of Bribery or Corruption.

6. The Finance Commission.

7. The Delimitation Commission.

10 **SCHEDULE II**   
 PART I   
 1. The Chief Justice and the Judges of the Supreme Court.

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| 15 | 2. The President and Judges of the Court of Appeal. |

3. The Members of the Judicial Service   
 Commission, other than the Chairman.

PART II   
1. The Attorney-General.

20 2. The Auditor-General.

3. The Parliamentary Commissioner for   
 Administration (Ombudsman).

4. The Secretary-General of Parliament.

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| 25 | (2) The Speaker shall require the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to make such nominations within one week of the date of the commencement of this Article**,** provided that if the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition |

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| 6  5  10  15  20  25  30  35 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution*  fail to make such nominations, the Speaker shall proceed to nominate any Members of Parliament to be nominees for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (*d*) and (*e*) of paragraph (1), taking into consideration the criteria specified in the proviso to paragraph (1) of this Article.  (3) If at the time the President seeks the observations of the Council under paragraph (1), the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition have failed to name the persons who shall be their nominees in the Council, the Speaker shall nominate such Members of Parliament to be nominees for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (*d*) and (*e*) of paragraph (1), taking into consideration the criteria specified in the proviso to paragraph (1) of this Article.  (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) of Article 64 of the Constitution, the Speaker shall for the purpose of this Article, continue as Speaker on the dissolution of Parliament, until a Member of Parliament is elected to be the Speaker under paragraph (1) of Article 64. The new Speaker shall thereupon be a member of the Council**.**  (5) Notwithstanding the dissolution of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition shall for the purposes of this Article, continue as Leader of the Opposition, until such time after a General Election following such dissolution, a Member of Parliament is recognized as the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament. The new Leader of the Opposition shall thereupon be a member of the Council.  (6) Notwithstanding the dissolution of Parliament, the nominees of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition respectively who are Members of Parliament shall continue as members until such time after a General Election following |

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| such dissolution, Members of Parliament are elected to Parliament. The Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition shall thereupon respectively nominate two new members of Parliament to be their nominees in terms of sub-paragraphs (*d*) and (*e*) of paragraph (1) of this Article. |
| 10 | (7) The tenure of the Council constituted under this Article shall extend for such period as specified in paragraph (2) of Article 62 and such tenure shall not be affected by any prorogation of Parliament in terms of Article70: |
| 15 | Provided that, the persons appointed as nominees of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition respectively, may during such tenure be removed by the President or in the event of an incapacity of such nominee, the President may require the Prime Minister or Leader of the Opposition, as the case may be, to nominate taking into consideration the criteria specified in the proviso to paragraph (1), another Member of Parliament to be his nominee in the Council. In such an event, the Member of Parliament nominated to fill the vacancy created by either removal or incapacity, as the case may be, shall continue as member of the Council only for the unexpired period of the tenure of the member for whose vacancy he was nominated. |
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| 30 | (8)(*a*) When the President seeks the observations of the Council under paragraph (1), he shall require the Council to convey through the Speaker the observations of the Council, on the persons proposed by him for such appointments, within a period of one week from the date of seeking such observations. |
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(*b*) If the Council fails to communicate its   
observations to him within the period specified in   
sub-paragraph(*a*), the President shall forthwith   
proceed to make the aforesaid appointments.

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| 8  5  10  15  20 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution*  (9) Where the Leader of any recognized political party represented in Parliament desires to propose the name of any person for appointment as Chairman or member of a Commission referred to in Schedule I to paragraph (1) of this Article, he may within a period of one week from the date of the President seeking such observations of the Council, forward to the Speaker the name of any person in relation thereto.The President may take such names into consideration when making such appointments.  (10) No person appointed to be the Chairman or member of a Commission referred to in Schedule I of this Article or any of the persons appointed to the offices referred to in Part I and Part II of Schedule II of this Article shall be removed, otherwise than in the manner provided for in the Constitution or in any law enacted for such purpose. Where no such provision is made, such person shall be removed by the President. |

(11) The procedure to be followed in obtaining   
the observations of the Council shall be as   
determined by the Speaker.”.

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| 25 | **7.**  Chapter VIII of the Constitution is hereby repealed and the following Chapter substituted therefor:- | Replacement |
| of Chapter |
| VIII of the |
| “CHAPTER VIII | Constitution |

**THE EXECUTIVE**

**The Cabinet of Ministers**

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| 30 | Responsibility of the  President. | 42. The President shall be responsible to Parliament for the due exercise, performance and discharge of his powers, duties and functions under the Constitution and any written law, including the law for the time being relating to public security. |

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| 5 | Cabinet | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | 9 |
| 43. (1) There shall be a Cabinet of Ministers charged with the direction and control of the Government of the Republic, which shall be collectively responsible and answerable to Parliament. |
| of |
| Ministers. |

(2) The President shall be a member of the   
Cabinet of Ministers and shall be the Head of   
the Cabinet of Ministers:

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| 10 | Ministers | Provided that notwithstanding the dissolution of the Cabinet of Ministers under the provisions of the Constitution, the President shall continue in office. |
| 15 | (3) The President shall appoint as Prime Minister the Member of Parliament who in his opinion is most likely to command the confidence of Parliament. |
| 20 | 44. (1) The President shall, from time to time, in consultation with the Prime Minister, where he considers such consultation to be necessary – |
| of Cabinet |
| and their |
| subjects |
| and |
| 25 | functions. | (*a*) determine the number of Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers and the Ministries and the assignment of subjects and functions to such Ministers; and |

(*b*) appoint from among the Members of   
Parliament, Ministers to be in charge   
of the Ministries so determined.

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| 30 | (2) The President may assign to himself any subject or function and shall remain in charge of any subject or function not assigned to any Minister under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article or the provisions of paragraph (1) of Article 45 and may for that purpose |

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| 10 | Ministers  who are not members of the Cabinet and their  Ministries,  subjects and functions. | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* |
| 5 | determine the number of Ministries to be in his |
| charge, and accordingly, any reference in the |
| Constitution or any written law to the Minister |
| to whom such subject or function is assigned, |
| shall be read and construed as a reference to |
| the President. |
| (3) The President may, at any time, change |
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| the assignment of subjects and functions and |
| the composition of the Cabinet of Ministers. |
| Such changes shall not affect the continuity of |
| the Cabinet of Ministers, and the continuity of |
| 15 | its responsibility to Parliament. |
| 45. (1) The President may, from time to time, |
| in consultation with the Prime Minister where |
| he considers such consultation to be necessary – |
| 20 | (*a*) appoint from among Members of |
| Parliament, Ministers who shall not be |
| Members of the Cabinet of Ministers; |
| and |
| (*b*) determine the assignment of subjects |
| and functions to, and the Ministries, if |
| any, which are to be in charge of, such |
| Ministers. |
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| (2) The President may at any time change |
| any appointment or assignment made under |
| paragraph (1) of this Article. |

(3) Every Minister appointed under this   
Article shall be responsible and answerable to   
the Cabinet of Ministers and to Parliament.

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| 30 | (4) Any Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers may, by Notification published in the *Gazette*, |

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| 5 | Deputy  Ministers. | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | 11 |
| delegate to any Minister who is not a member of |
| the Cabinet of Ministers any power or duty |
| pertaining to any subject or function assigned to |
| him, or any power or duty conferred or imposed |
| on him by any written law and it shall be lawful |
| 10 | for such other Minister to exercise and perform |
| any power or duty delegated to him under this |
| paragraph, notwithstanding anything to the |
| contrary in the written law by which that power |
| or duty is conferred or imposed on such Minister |
| of the Cabinet of Ministers. |
| 46. (1) The President may, from time to time, |
| in consultation with the Prime Minister, where he |
| 15 | Tenure of office of  the Prime Minister, Ministers and  Deputy  Ministers. | considers such consultation to be necessary, |
| appoint from among the Members of Parliament, |
| Deputy Ministers to assist the Ministers of the |
| Cabinet of Ministers in the performance of their |
| duties. |
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| (2) Any Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers |
| may, by Notification published in the *Gazette*, |
| delegate to his Deputy Minister any power or |
| duty pertaining to any subject or function |
| 25 | assigned to him, or any power or duty conferred |
| or imposed on him by any written law and it shall |
| be lawful for the Deputy Minister to exercise and |
| perform any power or duty delegated to him under |
| this paragraph notwithstanding anything to the |
| 30 | contrary in the written law by which that power |
| or duty is conferred or imposed on such |
| Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers. |
| 47. The Prime Minister, a Minister of the |
| 35 | Cabinet of Ministers, any other Minister or |
| Deputy Minister shall continue to hold office |
| throughout the period during which the Cabinet |
| of Ministers continues to function under the |
| provisions of the Constitution unless he – |

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(*a*) is removed by a writing under the hand   
 of the President;

(*b*) resigns his office by a writing under   
his hand addressed to the President; or

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| 5 | Cabinet of | (*c*) ceases to be a Member of Parliament. |
| 10 | 48. (1) The Cabinet of Ministers functioning |
| Ministers | immediately prior to the dissolution of Parliament |
| after |
| shall notwithstanding such dissolution continue |
| dissolution |
| to function and shall cease to function upon the |
| of |
| Parliament. | conclusion of the General Election. |
| 15 | Accordingly, the Prime Minister, Ministers of |
| the Cabinet of Ministers, other Ministers and |
| Deputy Ministers shall continue to function |
| unless they cease to hold office as provided in |
| paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) of Article 47. |
| 20 | (2) Notwithstanding the death, removal from |
| office or resignation of the Prime Minister, during |
| the period intervening between the dissolution |
| of Parliament and the conclusion of the General |
| Election, the Cabinet of Ministers shall continue |
| to function with the other Ministers of the |
| 25 | Cabinet as its members until the conclusion of |
| the General Election. The President may appoint |
| one such Minister to exercise, perform and |
| discharge, or may himself exercise, perform and |
| 30 | discharge the powers, duties and functions of |
| the Prime Minister. If there is no such other |
| Minister, the President shall himself exercise |
| perform and discharge the powers, duties and |
| functions of the Cabinet of Ministers until the |
| conclusion of the General Election. |
| 35 | (3) On the death, removal from office or |
| resignation, during the period intervening |
| between the dissolution of Parliament and the |
| conclusion of the General Election, of a |

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| 5 | Dissolution of Cabinet of  Ministers. | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | 13 |
| Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers or any other |
| Minister, the President may appoint any other |
| Minister to be the Minister in charge of such |
| Ministry or to exercise, perform and discharge |
| the powers, duties and functions of such |
| Minister or may himself take charge of such |
| 10 | Ministry or exercise, perform and discharge such |
| powers, duties and functions. |
| 49. (1) On the Prime Minister ceasing to hold office by death, removal, resignation or otherwise, except during the period intervening between the dissolution of Parliament and the conclusion of the General Election,the Cabinet of Ministers shall, unless the President has in the exercise of his powers under Article 70 dissolved Parliament, stand dissolved and the President shall appoint a Prime Minister, Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers, other Ministers and Deputy Ministers in terms of Articles 43, 44, 45 and 46: |
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| 25 | Provided that if after the Prime Minister so ceases to hold office Parliament is dissolved, the Cabinet of Ministers shall continue to function with the other Ministers of the Cabinet as its members, until the conclusion of the General Election. The President may appoint one such Minister to exercise, perform and discharge or may himself exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of the Prime Minister and the provisions of Article 48 shall, *mutatis mutandis,* apply. |
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| 35 | (2) If Parliament rejects the Statement of Government Policy or the Appropriation Bill or passes a vote of no-confidence in the Government, the Cabinet of Ministers shall stand dissolved, and the President shall, unless he has in the exercise of his powers under Article |
| 70 dissolved Parliament, appoint a Prime |

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Minister, Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers,   
other Ministers and Deputy Ministers in terms   
of Articles 43, 44, 45 and 46.

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| 5 | Acting | 50. Whenever a Minister of the Cabinet of |
| Minister | Ministers, other Minister or Deputy Minister is |
| and acting |
| unable to discharge the functions of his office, |
| Deputy |
| the President may appoint any Member of |
| Minister. |
| Parliament to act in place of the said Minister of |
| 10 | Secretary to | the Cabinet of Ministers, other Minister or |
| Deputy Minister. |
| 51. There shall be a Secretary to the Cabinet |
| Cabinet of | of Ministers who shall be appointed by the |
| Ministers. | President. The Secretary shall, subject to the |
| 15 | Secretaries | direction of the President, have charge of the |
| office of the Cabinet of Ministers, and shall |
| discharge and perform such other functions and |
| duties as may be assigned to him by the |
| President or the Cabinet of Ministers. |
| 52. (1) There shall be for each Ministry a |
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| Secretary who shall be appointed by the |
| Ministries. |
| President. |
| 25 | (2) The Secretary to the Ministry shall, |
| subject to the direction and control of his |
| Minister, exercise supervision over the |
| departments of Government or other institutions |
| in the charge of his Minister. |
| 30 | (3) The Secretary to a Ministry shall cease to |
| hold office upon the dissolution of the Cabinet |
| of Ministers under the provisions of the |
| Constitution or upon a determination by the |
| President under Article 44 or Article 45 which |
| results in such Ministry ceasing to exist. |

(4) Where the Secretary to a Ministry so   
ceases to hold office, the Cabinet of Ministers

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may appoint such Secretary to any other post in   
the Public Service:

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| 5  10 | Provided that a person who immediately prior to his appointment as Secretary was in the Public or Local Government Service or in the service of any public corporation shall be deemed to have been temporarily released from such service and shall be entitled to revert to such service without loss of seniority upon his so ceasing to hold office as Secretary. |

(5) The proviso to paragraph (4) of this   
Article shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to a   
Secretary to a Ministry upon –

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| 15  20  25 | (*a*) the President terminating his services, otherwise than by dismissal on disciplinary grounds; or  (*b*) his resignation, unless disciplinary proceedings are pending or contemplated against him on the date of his resignation.  (6) For the purposes of paragraphs (4) and (5) of this Article, any person who has continuously held the office of Secretary to the President, Secretary to a Ministry or any other office in the President’s staff or any one or more of such offices shall be deemed to have continuously held the office which such person last held. |

(7) For the purposes of this Article –

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| 30  35 | (*a*) the Office of the Secretary-General of Parliament, the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman), the Public Service Commission, the Election Commission, the National |

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Police Commission and the Office of the   
Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers;   
and

(*b*) the National Audit Office,

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| 5 | shall be deemed not to be departments of | | Amendment of Article 54 of the  Constitution |
| Government. | |
| 10 | Official  oath or  affirmation. | 53. A person appointed to any office referred to in this Chapter shall not enter upon the duties of his office until such person takes and |
| subscribes the oath or makes and subscribes | |
| 15 | the affirmation set out in the Fourth Schedule.”. | |
| **8.** Article 54 of the Constitution is hereby amended as follows:- | |
| (1) by the repeal of paragraph (1) of that Article, and | |
| the substitution therefor of the following | |
| paragraph:- | |
| 20 | “(1) There shall be a Public Service | |
| Commission (in this Chapter referred to as | |
| the “Commission”) which shall consist of | |
| not more than nine members appointed by | |
| the President of whom, not less than three | |
| 25 | members shall be persons who have had | |
| over fifteen years experience as public | |
| officers. The President shall appoint one | |
| of such members as its Chairman.”; | |
| 30 | (2) by the substitution, in paragraph (4) of that | |
| Article, for the words “by the President | |
| with the approval of the Constitutional | |
| Council or is convicted”, of the words “by | |
| the President or is convicted”; | |

(3) by the substitution, in paragraph (7) of that   
Article,for the words “such period, on the

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recommendation of the Constitutional   
Council, appoint”, of the words “such   
period, appoint”.

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| 5 | **9.** Article 56 of the Constitution is hereby amended in paragraph (1) of that Article, by the substitution for the | | Amendment of Article 56 of the  Constitution |
| words “as are specified by the Commission”, of the words | |
| “as are specified by the Cabinet of Ministers”. | |
| 10 | **10.** Article 57 of the Constitution is hereby amended in paragraph (1) of that Article, by the substitution for the | | Amendment of Article 57 of the  Constitution |
| words “as are specified by the Commission”, of the words | |
| “as are specified by the Cabinet of Ministers”. | |
| 15 | **11.** Article 61A of the Constitution is hereby amended by the substitution for the words and figures “Subject to the | | Amendment |
| of Article 61A |
| provisions of Article 59 and Article 126,”, of the words and | | of the |
| Constitution |
| figures “Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), | |
| (4), and (5) of Article 126,”. | |
| 20 | **12.** Articles 61E and 61F of the Constitution are hereby repealed and the following Articles are substituted | | Replacement of Articles 61E and 61F of the Constitution |
| therefor:- | |
| ”Appointments by the | 61E. The President shall appoint – |
| President. | |

(*a*) the Heads of the Army, the Navy and   
 the Air Force; and

(*b*) the Attorney - General.

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| 25 | Interpretation. | 61F. For the purposes of this Chapter, “public |
| officer” does not include a member of the Army, |
| Navy, or Air Force, an officer of the Election |
| Commission appointed by such Commission or |
| a scheduled public officer appointed by the |
| Judicial Service Commission.”. |

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| **13.** Article 65 of the Constitution is hereby amended as follows:- |
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| 5 | (1) by the repeal of paragraph (1) of that Article, and | Constitution |
| the substitution therefor, of the following |
| paragraph:- |

“(1) There shall be a Secretary-General of   
Parliament who shall be appointed by the   
President and who shall hold office during   
good behaviour.”;

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| 10 | (2) by the repeal of paragraph (6) of that Article, and | Amendment of Article 70 of the  Constitution |
| the substitution therefor of the following |
| 15 | paragraph:- |
| ”(6) Whenever the Secretary-General is |
| unable to discharge the functions of his |
| office, the President may appoint a person to |
| act in the place of the Secretary-General.”. |
| **14.**  Article 70 of the Constitution is hereby amended  by the repeal of paragraph (1) of that Article, and the |
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| substitution therefor of the following paragraph:- |
| “(1) The President may, from time to time, by |
| Proclamation summon, prorogue and dissolve |
| Parliament: |

Provided that –

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| 25  30 | (*a*) subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (*d*), when a General Election has been held consequent upon a dissolution of Parliament by the President, the President shall not thereafter dissolve Parliament until the expiration of a period of one year from the date of such General Election, unless Parliament by resolution requests the president to dissolve Parliament; |

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(*b*) the President shall not dissolve Parliament on   
the rejection of the Statement of Government   
Policy at the commencement of the first session   
of Parliament after a General Election;

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| 5  10 | (*c*) subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (*d*), the President shall not dissolve Parliament after the Speaker has entertained a resolution complying with the requirements of sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of paragraph (2) of Article 38, unless – |

(i) such resolution is not passed as required   
by sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (2) of   
Article 38;

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| 15  20  25  30 | (ii) the Supreme Court determines and reports that the President has not become permanently incapable of discharging the functions of his office or that the President has not been guilty of any of the other allegations contained in such resolution;  (iii) the consequent resolution for the removal of the President is not passed as required by sub-paragraph (*e*) of paragraph (2) of Article 38; or  (iv) Parliament by resolution requests the President to dissolve Parliament;  (*d*) where the President has not dissolved Parliament consequent upon the rejection by Parliament of the Appropriation Bill, the President shall dissolve Parliament if Parliament rejects the next Appropriation Bill.”. |

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| **15.** Article 78 of the Constitution is hereby amended as follows- |
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| 5 | (1) by the repeal of paragraph (1) thereof, and the | Constitution |
| substitution therefor of the following paragraph- |
| “(1) Every Bill shall be published in the |
| *Gazette* at least seven days before it is placed |
| on the Order Paper of Parliament.”; and |

(2) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph   
(2) of that Article, of the following paragraph-

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| 10 | “(3) Any amendment proposed to a Bill | Amendment of Article 85 of the  Constitution |
| in Parliament shall not deviate from the |
| 15 | merits and principles of such Bill.”. |
| **16.** Article 85 of the Constitution is hereby amended by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (1) of that Article, |
| of the following paragraph:- |
| 20 | “(2) The President may in his discretion submit | Amendment |
| to the People by Referendum any Bill (not being a |
| Bill for the repeal or amendment of any provision of |
| the Constitution, or for the addition of any provision |
| to the Constitution, or for the repeal and replacement |
| of the Constitution, or which is inconsistent with |
| any provision of the Constitution), which has been |
| rejected by Parliament.”. |
| **17.** Article 91 of the Constitution is hereby amended in sub-paragraph (*d*) of paragraph (1) of that Article, as |
| 25 | of Article 91 |
| of the |
| follows:- |
| Constitution |

(1) by the repeal of items (v), (va) and (vc) of that   
sub-paragraph and the substitution therefor of   
the following items:-

30 “(v) the Commissioner-General of Elections,

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(va) a member of the Election Commission,

(vb) a member of the National Police   
 Commission,”;

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| 5  10 | (2) by the substitution in item (vii) of that sub-paragraph, for the words “a public officer or a member of the Sri Lanka State Audit Service holding any office”, of the words “a public officer holding any office”;  (3) by the substitution in item (viii) of that sub-paragraph, for the words “a public officer or a member of the Sri Lanka State Audit Service holding any office”, of the words “a public officer holding any office”; and |

(4) by the repeal of item (xiii) of that sub-paragraph.

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| 15 | **18.** Article 92 of the Constitution is hereby amended, by the substitution in paragraph (*a*) of that Article, for the | Amendment |
| of Article 92 |
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| words “thirty five”, of the word “thirty”. |
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| 20 | **19.** Article 103 of the Constitution is hereby amended as follows:- | Amendment of Article  103 of the  Constitution |
| (1) by the repeal of paragraph (1) of that Article, and |
| the substitution therefor of the following |
| 25 | paragraph:- |
| “(1) There shall be an Election Commission |
| (in this Chapter referred to as the |
| “Commission”) consisting of three members |
| appointed by the President from amongst |
| 30 | persons who have distinguished themselves |
| in any profession or in the fields of |
| administration or education. The President |
| shall appoint one member as its Chairman.”; |

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(2) by the repeal of paragraph (7) of that Article, and   
the substitution therefor of the following   
paragraph:-

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| 5 | “(7) The President may grant a member | Amendment |
| leave from the performance of his duties |
| relating to the Commission for a period not |
| 10 | exceeding two months and may appoint a |
| person qualified to be a member of the |
| Commission to be a temporary member for the |
| period of such leave.”. |
| **20.** Article 104B of the Constitution is hereby amended as follows- |
| of Article |
| 104B of the |
| 15 | (1) by the substitution, in sub-paragraph (i) of | Constitution |
| paragraph (4)(*a*) of that Article, for the words |
| “the election or any candidate of any political |
| party”, of the words “the election of any |
| candidate or any political party”; |

(2) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (4)   
of that Article of the following paragraph:-

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| 20  25  30 | “(4*a*) For the avoidance of doubt it is stated that any guideline issued by the Commission during the period commencing on the date of the making of an Order for the holding of an election or the date of the making of a Proclamation requiring the conduct of the Referendum, as the case may be, shall –  (*a*) be limited to matters which are directly connected with the holding of the respective election or the conduct of the respective Referendum, as the case may be; and |

(*b*) not be connected directly with any matter   
relating to the public service or any matter

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| 5 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | | | | | 23 |
| within the ambit of administration of the | | | | |
| Public Service Commission or the | | | | |
| Judicial Service Commission, as the case | | | | |
| may | be, | appointed | under | the |
| Constitution.”; | | | | |

(3) by the repeal of paragraph (5)(*b*) of that Article   
and substitution therefor of the following   
paragraph-

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| 10 | “(*b*) It shall be the duty of any broadcasting | Amendment of Article  104E of the Constitution |
| or telecasting operator or any proprietor or |
| publisher of a newspaper, as the case may be, |
| 15 | to take all necessary steps to ensure |
| compliance with any guidelines as are issued |
| to them under paragraph (*a*).”. |
| **21.** Article 104E of the Constitution is hereby amended by the repeal of paragraph (1) of that Article and |
| the substitution therefor of the following paragraph:- |
| 20 | ”(1) There shall be a Commissioner-General of | Repeal of |
| Elections who shall be appointed by the Commission |
| on such terms and conditions as shall be determined |
| by the Commission.”. |
| **22.** Article 104GG of the Constitution is hereby repealed. |
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| 104GG of the |
| 25 | **23.** Article 107 of the Constitution is hereby amended by the repeal of paragraph (1) of that Article and the | Constitution |
| Amendment of Article  107 of the  Constitution |
| substitution therefor of the following paragraph:- |

“(1) The Chief Justice, the President of the Court   
of Appeal and every other Judge of the Supreme   
Court and the Court of Appeal shall be appointed   
by the President by Warrant under his hand.”.

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| 24 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | | Replacement of Article  109 of the  Constitution |
| 5 | **24.** Article 109 of the Constitution is hereby repealed | |
| and the following Article substituted therefor:- | |
| “Acting  appointments. | 109.(1) If the Chief Justice or the President of the Court of Appeal is temporarily unable to |
| exercise, perform and discharge the powers, | |
| duties and functions of his office, by reason of | |

illness, absence from Sri Lanka or any other cause   
the President shall appoint another Judge of the   
Supreme Court, or of the Court of Appeal, as the

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| 10 | case may be, to act in the office of Chief Justice, or the President of the Court of Appeal, |

respectively, during such period.

(2) If any Judge of the Supreme Court or of   
the Court of Appeal is temporarily unable to

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| 15 | exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of his office, by reason of |

illness, absence from Sri Lanka or any other   
cause, the President may appoint another person   
to act as a Judge of the Supreme Court or Court

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| 20 | of Appeal, as the case may be, during such | | Replacement |
| period.”. | |
| **25.** Article 111D of the Constitution is hereby | |
| repealed and the following Article substituted therefor: **-** | | of Article |
| 111D of the |
| 25 | “Constitution of the  Judicial  Service | 111D.(1) There shall be a Judicial Service Commission (in this Chapter referred to as the“Commission”) consisting of the Chief Justice | Constitution |
| Commission. | and two other Judges of the Supreme Court |

appointed by the President.

(2) The Chief Justice shall be the Chairman of

30 the Commission.”.

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| 5 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | | 25 |
| **26.** Article111E of the Constitution is hereby amended by the repeal of paragraphs (5) and (6) of that Article, and | | Amendment |
| of Article |
| 111E of the |
| the substitution therefor of the following paragraphs: - | |
| Constitution. |
| “(5) The President may grant to any member | |
| of the Commission leave from his duties and may | |
| appoint a person qualified to be a member of the | |
| 10 | Commission to be a temporary member for the | | Insertion of |
| period of such leave. | |
| (6) The President may, for cause assigned, | |
| remove from office any member of the | |
| Commission.”. | |
| **27.** The following new Article is hereby inserted immediately after Article 121 and shall have effect as Article | |
| 15 | new Article |
| 122 of the Constitution:- | | 122 of the |
| Constitution. |
| “Special  exercise of constitutional jurisdiction in respect  of urgent  Bills | 122. (1) In the case of a Bill which is, in the view of the Cabinet of Ministers, urgent in the national interest, and bears an endorsement to that effect under the hand of the Secretary to the Cabinet – |
| 20 | (*a*) the provisions of Article 78(1) and of Article | |
| 121, shall subject to the provisions of | |
| 25 | paragraph (2) of this Article, have no | |
| application; | |
| (*b*) the President shall, by a written reference | |
| addressed to the Chief Justice, require the | |
| 30 | special determination of the Supreme Court | |
| as to whether the Bill or any provision | |
| thereof is inconsistent with the | |
| Constitution. A copy of such reference | |
| shall at the same time be delivered to the | |
| Speaker; | |

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| 26  5 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution*  (*c*) the Supreme Court shall make its determination within twenty-four hours (or such longer period not exceeding three days as the President may specify) of the assembling of the Court and shall communicate its determination only to the President and the Speaker. |

(2) The provisions of paragraph (2) of Article   
121 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to such Bill.

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| 10 | (3) The provisions of this Article shall not | Amendment of Article  123 of the  Constitution |
| 15 | apply to any Bill for the amendment, repeal and |
| replacement, alteration or addition of any |
| provision of the Constitution or for the repeal |
| and replacement of the Constitution.”. |
| **28.** Article 123 of the Constitution is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after paragraph (2) of that |
| Article, of the following new paragraph: - |
| 20 | “(3) In the case of a Bill endorsed as provided in | Amendment |
| Article 122, if the Supreme Court entertains a doubt |
| whether the Bill or any provision thereof is |
| inconsistent with the Constitution, it shall be deemed |
| to have been determined that the Bill or such |
| 25 | provision of the Bill is inconsistent with the |
| Constitution, and the Supreme Court shall comply |
| with the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this |
| Article.”. |
| **29.** Article 124 of the Constitution is hereby amended by the substitution for the words and figures “provided in |
| 30 | of Article |
| 124 of the |
| Articles 120 and 121,”, of the words and figures “provided in |
| Constitution |
| Articles 120,121 and 122,”. |
| **30.** Article 134 of the Constitution is hereby amended in paragraph (1) of that Article, by the substitution for the | Amendment of Article  134 of the  Constitution |
| figures “121, 125,”, of the figures “121, 122,125,”. |

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| **31.** Article 153 of the Constitution is hereby amended as follows: - | Amendment |
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| (1) by the repeal of paragraph (1) of that Article, and | Constitution |
| the substitution therefor of the following |
| paragraph:- |

“(1) There shall be an Auditor-General who   
shall be appointed by the President and who   
shall hold office during good behaviour.”;

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| 10 | (2) by the repeal of paragraph (4) of that Article, and | Repeal of |
| the substitution therefor of the following |
| paragraph: - |
| 15 | “(4) Whenever the Auditor-General is |
| unable to discharge the functions of his office, |
| the President may appoint a person to act in |
| the place of the Auditor-General.”. |
| **32.** Article 153A of the Constitution is hereby repealed. |
| Article 153A |
| of the |
| 20 | **33.** Article 153B of the Constitution is hereby repealed. | Constitution |
| Repeal of  Article 153B of the  Constitution |
| **34.** Article 153C of the Constitution is hereby repealed. |
| Repeal of  Article 153C of the  Constitution |
| **35.** Article 153D of the Constitution is hereby repealed. | Repeal of  Article 153D of the  Constitution |

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| 28 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | | Repeal of |
| **36.** Article 153E of the Constitution is hereby repealed. | |
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| 5 | **37.** Article 153F of the Constitution is hereby repealed. | | Constitution |
| Repeal of  Article 153F of the  Constitution |
| **38.** Article 153G of the Constitution is hereby repealed. | |
| Repeal of  Article  153G of the Constitution |
| 10 | **39.** Article 153H of the Constitution is hereby repealed. | | Repeal of |
| Article 153H |
| of the |
| Constitution |
| **40.** Article 154 of the Constitution is hereby amended as follows: - | |
| Amendment of Article  154 of the  Constitution |
| (1) | by the repeal of paragraph (1) of that Article |
| and the substitution therefor of the | |
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| following paragraph: - | |
| “(1) The Auditor-General shall audit | |
| the accounts of all departments of | |
| Government, the Offices of the Cabinet | |
| 20 | of Ministers, the Judicial Service | |
| Commission, the Public Service | |
| Commission, the Provincial Public | |
| Service Commissions, the Parliamentary | |
| Commissioner for Administration, the | |
| Secretary-General of Parliament and the | |
| 25 | Commissioner of Elections, local | |
| authorities, public corporations and | |
| business or other undertakings vested | |
| in the Government under any written | |
| law.”; | |

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| 5 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | | 29 |
| (2) | in paragraph (2) of that Article, by the |
| substitution for the words and the figure | |
| “such public corporation, business or other | |
| undertaking or a company referred to in | |
| paragraph (1)”, wherever those words and | |
| the figure appear in that paragraph, of the | |
| 10 | words “such public corporation or business | | Amendment |
| or other undertaking”; | |
| (3) | in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (5) of that |
| Article, by the substitution for the words | |
| and the figure “public corporation, business | |
| or other undertaking or a company referred | |
| 15 | to in paragraph (1)” wherever those words | |
| and the figure appear in that paragraph, of | |
| the words “public corporation, or business | |
| or other undertaking”; and | |
| (4) | by the repeal of paragraph (9) of that Article. |
| **41.**  Article 154R of the Constitution is hereby  amended in paragraph (1) of that Article, by the repeal of | |
| 20 | of Article |
| 154R of the |
| sub-paragraph (*c*) of that paragraph, and the substitution | |
| Constitution |
| therefor of the following paragraph: - | |
| 25 | “(*c*) | three other members appointed by the | Amendment |
| President to represent the three major | |
| communities each of whom shall be a person | |
| who has distinguished himself, or held high | |
| office, in the field of finance, law, | |
| administration, business or learning.”. | |
| **42.**  Article 155A of the Constitution is hereby  amended as follows:- | |
| of Article |
| 155A of the |
| 30 | (1) | by the repeal of paragraph (1) of that Article, | Constitution |
| and the substitution therefor of the | |
| following paragraph: -” | |

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| 30 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | | Amendment |
| 5 | (1) There shall be a National Police | |
| Commission (in this Chapter referred | |
| to as the “Commission”) consisting of | |
| not more than seven members | |
| appointed by the President. The | |
| President shall appoint one member as | |
| 10 | the Chairman.”; and | |
| (2) | by the repeal of paragraph (4) of that |
| Article, and the substitution therefor of the | |
| following paragraph: - | |
| 15 | “(4) Every member of the | |
| Commission shall hold office for a | |
| period of three years from the date of | |
| his appointment, unless he becomes | |
| subject to any disqualification under | |
| 20 | paragraph (2) of this Article, or earlier | |
| resigns from his office by writing | |
| addressed to the President or is | |
| removed from office by the President, | |
| or is convicted by a Court of law of | |
| 25 | any offence involving moral turpitude | |
| or if a resolution for the imposition of | |
| civic disability upon him has been | |
| passed in terms of Article 81 or is | |
| deemed to have vacated his office | |
| under paragraph (6) of this Article.”. | |
| **43.**  Article 155B of the Constitution is hereby  amended by the repeal of paragraph (5) of that Article. | |
| of Article |
| 155B of the |
| 30 | **44.** Article 155C of the Constitution is hereby amended in paragraph (1) of that Article, by the substitution | | Constitution |
| Amendment of Article  155C of the Constitution. |
| for the words and figures “under Article 126 and the powers | |
| granted to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal under Article | |
| 155L,” of the words and figures “under paragraph (1) of | |
| Article 126,”. | |

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| 5 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | | 31 |
| **45.** Article 155F of the Constitution is hereby amended in paragraph (1) of that Article, by the substitution for the | | Amendment of Article  155F of the Constitution |
| words “any decision of the Commission or a Committee or | |
| any police officer to whom the Commission has delegated | |
| any power under this Chapter or to so influence any member | |
| of the Commission or a Committee or any police officer to | |
| 10 | whom any power has been delegated shall be guilty”, of the | | Insertion of |
| words “any decision of the Commission or a Committee, or to | |
| so influence any member of the Commission or a Committee | |
| shall be guilty”. | |
| **46.** The following new Article is hereby inserted immediately after Article 155F and shall have effect as Article | |
| new Article |
| 155FF of the Constitution: **-** | | 155FF of |
| the |
| 15 | “Powers of the  Commission | 155FF.The Commission shall be empowered to entertain and investigate complaints from members of the public or any aggrieved person | Constitution |
| 20 | against a police officer or the police force, and | | Repeal of  Article 155G of the  Constitution |
| shall provide redress in accordance with the | |
| provisions of any law enacted by Parliament. | |
| For this purpose the Commission may make rules | |
| to establish procedures for entertaining and | |
| investigating complaints from members of the | |
| public or any aggrieved person.”. | |
| **47.** Article 155G of the Constitution is hereby repealed. | |
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| **48.** Article 155H of the Constitution is hereby repealed. | | Repeal of |
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| **49.** Article 155J of the Constitution is hereby repealed. | | Constitution |
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| 32 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | | | Repeal of  Article 155K of the  Constitution |
| **50.** Article 155K of the Constitution is hereby repealed. | | |
| 5 | **51.** Article 155L of the Constitution is hereby repealed. | | | Repeal of  Article 155L of the  Constitution |
| **52.** Article 155M of the Constitution is hereby repealed and the following Article substituted therefor:- | | |
| Replacement of Article  155M of the Constitution |
| 10 | “Saving of existing  rules and  regulations | 155M. All rules and regulations and procedures in force on the date of the commencement of this Article relating to police officers shall be deemed to continue to be | | Amendment |
| operative, until rules, regulations and procedures | | |
| are made hereunder by the Public Service | | |
| Commission.”. | | |
| **53.**  as follows:- | Article 156 of the Constitution is hereby amended | |
| 15 | of Article |
| 156 of the |
| 20 | (1) | | by the repeal of paragraph (2) of that Article | Constitution |
| and the substitution therefor of the | | |
| following paragraph: - | | |
| “(2) The Parliamentary Commissioner | | |
| for Administration shall be appointed | | |
| by the President and shall hold office | | |
| 25 | during good behaviour.” | | |
| (2) | | by the repeal of paragraph (5) of that Article |
| and the substitution therefor of the | | |
| following paragraph:- | | |

“(5) Whenever the Parliamentary   
Commissioner for Administration is   
unable to perform and discharge the   
duties and functions of his office, the

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President shall appoint a person to act

in his place.”.

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| 5 | **54.** Chapter XIXA of the Constitution (Article 156A) is hereby repealed. | | Repeal of |
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| **55.** Chapter XIXB of the Constitution (Articles 156B to 156H) is hereby repealed. | | Constitution |
| Repeal of  Chapter  XIXB of the Constitution |
| 10 | **56.** Article 170 of the Constitution is hereby amended by the repeal of the definition of “public officer” and the substitution therefor of the following definition: - | | Amendment of Article 170 of the |
| Constitution |
| ”public officer” means a person who holds any paid office under the Republic, other than a judicial officer but does not include – | |
| 15 | (*a*) | the President; |
| (*b*) | the Speaker; |
| (*c*) | a Minister appointed under Article 44 or 45; |
| 20 | (*d*) | a member of the Election Commission; |
| (*e*) | a member of the National Police Commission; |
| (*f*) | the Commissioner - General of Elections; |
| (*g*) | officers appointed to the Election Commission, by the Election Commission; |
| 25 | (*h*) | a member of the Judicial Service Commission; |
| (*i*) | a member of the Public Service Commission; |
| 30 | (*j*) | a Deputy Minister; |
| (k) | a Member of Parliament; |
| (*l*) | the Secretary-General of Parliament; |
| (*m*) | a member of the President’s staff; |
| (*n*) | a member of the staff of the Secretary- |
| General of Parliament.”. | |

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| 34 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | | | Transitional Provisions |
| 5 | **57.** (1) Every person holding office on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this | | |
| Act*,* as– | | |
| (i) | | the Chief Justice; |
| (ii) | | theJudges of the Supreme Court; |
| (iii) | | the members of the Judicial Service |
| Commission; | | |
| (iv) | | the President of the Court of Appeal; |
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| (v) | | the Judges of the Court of Appeal; |
| (vi) | | the Attorney-General; |
| 15 | (vii) | | the Auditor-General; |
| (viii) | | the Inspector-General of Police; |
| (ix) | | the Parliamentary Commissioner for |
| Administration (Ombudsman); | | |
| (x) | | the Secretary-General of Parliament; |
| 20 | (xi) | | the judges of the High Court; or |
| (xii) | | judicial officers, scheduled public |
| officers, public officers or police | | |
| officers, | | |
| shall, unless he earlier resigns, dies or is | | |
| removed from office continue to hold such | | |
| 25 | office and shall continue to exercise, perform | | |
| and discharge the powers, duties and functions | | |
| of that office under the same terms and | | |
| conditions. | | |
| 30 | (2) | Every person holding office on the day | |
| immediately preceding the date of | | |
| commencement of this Act, as a member | | |
| of the Constitutional Council shall cease | | |
| to hold such office with effect from the | | |
| date of commencement of this Act: | | |

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| Provided such person shall, unless he earlier resigns, dies or is removed from office continue to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of his office until such date on which the Parliamentary Council is constituted in accordance with Chapter VIIA of the Constitution. | |
| 10 | (3) | Every person holding office on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act, as the Chairman or a member of – |

(*a*) the Election Commission;   
(*b*) the Public Service Commission;

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| 15  20 | (*c*) the National Police Commission;  (*d*) the Human Rights Commission of Sri  Lanka;  (*e*) the Commission to Investigate  Allegations of Bribery or  Corruption; |

(*f*) the Finance Commission; and   
(*g*) the Delimitation Commission,

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| 25 | (4) | shall, unless he earlier resigns, dies or is removed from office continue to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of his office until such date on which the respective Commissions are constituted in accordance with Chapter VIIA of the Constitution. |
| 30 | Every person holding office on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act, as the Chairman or a member of – |

(*a*) the Audit Service Commission; and 35 (*b*) the National Procurement Commission,

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shall cease to hold such office with effect

from the date of commencement of this

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| 5 | (5) | Provided that such person shall, unless he earlier resigns, dies or is removed from office continue to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of their respective offices for a period of six months from the date of commencement of this Act, for the purpose of discharging and performing the duties and functions pending or uncompleted as at the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act. | |
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| Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4),- | |
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| (*a*) | all suits, prosecutions, actions, proceedings, matters or things which have been instituted by or against the Audit Service Commission and the National Procurement Commission and which are pending as at the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall with effect from the date of commencement of this Act be deemed to be suits, prosecutions, actions, proceedings, matters or things which have been instituted by or against the Government; |
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| 35 | (*b*) | any decree, order or award entered or made in favour of or against the Audit Service Commission and the National Procurement Commission by any court or tribunal or other body in any action, matter, proceeding or thing shall with effect from the date |

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| of commencement of this Act be | |
| deemed to be a decree, order or award | |
| entered or made in favour of or against | |
| the Government and may be enforced | |
| accordingly; and | |
| 10 | (*c*) | all property movable and immovable, |
| belonging to the Audit Service | |
| Commission and the National | |
| Procurement Commission as at the day | |
| immediately preceding the date of | |
| commencement of this Act shall with | |
| 15 | effect from the date of commencement | |
| of this Act vest in and be deemed to be | |
| the property of the Government. | |
| (6) All matters relating to the appointment, | |
| promotion, transfer, disciplinary control and | |
| 20 | dismissal of members of the Sri Lanka State | |
| Audit Service and pending before the Audit | |
| Service Commission on the day immediately | |
| preceding the date of commencement of this | |
| Act shall, with effect from that date, stand | |
| 25 | transferred to the Public Service Commission | |
| and shall be determined by the Public Service | |
| Commission accordingly. | |
| (7) All matters pertaining to- | |

(*a*) the appointment, promotion, transfer,   
disciplinary control and dismissal of   
police officers; and

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| 30 | (*b*) appeals by police officers to the National Police Commission, |

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| 38 | *Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution* | Sinhala text to prevail in case of an  inconsistency |
| 5 | pending before the National Police Commission on the day |
| immediately preceding the date of commencement of this |
| Act, shall, with effect from that date, stand transferred to |
| the Public Service Commission and shall be determined by |
| the Public Service Commission accordingly. |
| **58.**  In the event of any inconsistency between the  Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall |
| prevail. |

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