

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

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**PROVINCIAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS**   
**(AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

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

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*Presented by Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar, M.P.*   
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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE PROVINCIAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS   
ACT, NO. 2 OF 1988

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 Provincial Councils | Short title |

Elections (Amendment) Act, No. of 2022.

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| 5 | **2.** | The following new section is inserted immediately | Amendment |
| after section 13 (8) (*c*) of the Provincial Councils Elections | | of section 13 |
| of the |
| Act, No. 2 of 1988 and shall have effect as section 13 (9) in | |
| Provincial |
| the Principal Enactment:— | | Councils |
| Elections Act |

“13 (9)(1) When submitting a nomination paper each

10 political party or independent group shall ensure that not less than one fourth of the total number of candidates to be nominated for the Electoral District, and not less than one fourth of the total number of candidates in the district

15 list, shall be youth candidates:

Provided further that, the Commissioner of Elections shall, by notice published in the *Gazette*, simultaneously with the call for nomination, specify the number of youth 20 candidates to be nominated on each nomination list, in respect of each administrative district.

(2) For the purposes of this Clause, a youth shall be defined as an individual either male or 25 female of 35 years of age or less on the day of the calling of elections by the Elections Commissioner.

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(3) In the event of a failure by a political party or   
independent group to fulfill the requirements   
set out in Clause 13(9) (1) the said nomination   
paper shall be deemed *null* and *void* and shall

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| 5 | be rejected by the Returning Officer.”. | | Sinhala text |
| **3.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | | to prevail in |
| case of |

inconsistency

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