



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

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**PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS  
(AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981**

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*Parliamentary Elections (Amendment)*

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS  
ACT, NO. 1 OF 1981

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, No.     of 2022. Short title

5     2. The following new section is inserted immediately after section 15 (8) (c) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981 and shall have effect as section 15 (9) in the Principal Enactment:— Amendment  
of section 15  
to the  
Parliamentary  
Elections  
Act, No. 1 of  
1981

10             “15 (9)(1) When submitting a nomination paper, each 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 list, shall be youth candidates:

15                     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 candidates to be nominated on each nomination list, in respect of each administrative district.

20                     (2) For the purposes of this Clause a youth shall be defined as an individual either male or 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 15(9) (1) the said nomination paper shall be deemed *null* and *void* and shall  
5            be rejected by the Returning Officer.”.

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

