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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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*Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment)*

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVINCIAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS  
ACT, NO. 2 OF 1988

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Act, No.      of 2022.

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

Amendment  
of section 13  
of the  
Provincial  
Councils  
Elections Act

10      “13 (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:

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20      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.

25      (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 13(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

