



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

**PROVINCIAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS
(AMENDMENT)**

A

BILL

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

*Presented by the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
on 26th of July, 2017*

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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2 : This clause amends section 10 of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of the section as amended is to specify the number of female candidates to be included in a nomination paper.

Clause 3 : This clause amends section 13 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to include not less than thirty *per centum* of female candidates out of the total number of candidates included in a nomination paper.

Clause 4 : This clause amends section 17 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to reject any nomination paper which does not contain the number of female candidates required to be nominated.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment)

L.D.—O. 30/2015

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 2017. Short title.

5 **2.** Section 10 of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section by the substitution for the words “and the number of candidates required under section 13 (1) to be” of the words
10 “and the number of candidates required under section 13 (1) and the number of female candidates required under section 13 (1A) to be”. Amendment of section 10 of Act, No. 2 of 1988.

15 **3.** Section 13 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the addition of following subsections immediately after subsection (1) of that section:- Amendment of section 13 of the principal enactment.

20 “(1A) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Act, not less than thirty *per centum* of the total number of candidates whose names appear in each nomination paper submitted under subsection (1) shall consist of female candidates.

25 “(1B) Where the total number of female candidates to be nominated is such, that thirty *per centum* of that number would be an integer and fraction, the nearest integer to that integer and fraction shall be deemed to be the thirty *per centum* for the purpose of this section”.

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4. Section 17 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) thereof by the substitution for the words “required to be” of the words “including the number of female candidates required to be”. Amendment of section 17 of the principal enactment.

5. 5. 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.

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