



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

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**CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Civil Procedure Code ( Chapter 101)**

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Constitutional Reforms on 08th of August, 2023*

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2* : This clause amends section 205 of the Civil Procedure Code (Chapter 101) and the legal effect of this section as amended is to provide for-

- (a) the issuance of one certified copy of the judgement or final decree of an action to each party free of charge, where the respective parties to such action apply for the same; and
- (b) the recognition of a document issued or transmitted by a court electronically, as signed and sealed documents and the electronic signature of the Registrar, court and other authorized officers.



5 (b) making an application and producing the necessary stamps, examine and certify to the correctness of any such copies made by such person:

10 Provided that, a person other than a party to a matrimonial action, an adoption application or a custody application shall not be entitled to obtain certified copies of any proceedings or documents of such action or application, except the judgement, order or decree thereof:

15 Provided further that, upon being satisfied as to the requirement of an applicant who is not a party to such matrimonial action, adoption application or custody application, the court may direct the Registrar of such court to issue to such applicant, certified copies of the proceedings or documents of such action or application.

20 (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 76 of the Evidence Ordinance (Chapter 14) or any other written law, a document issued or transmitted electronically by a court shall be deemed for the purposes of authentication and verification, to have been signed, sealed and dated by court, where such document—

25 (a) if originally created in electronic form, contains the electronic signature and electronic seal of the Registrar or such other officer authorized by law to place the signature together with his name and official title, the electronic seal of the court, and the date; or

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5 (b) if originally created in paper form  
and converted into an electronic  
copy in portable document format  
(PDF) or by similar file converter  
technology, contains the signature  
and seal of the Registrar or such  
other officer authorized by law to  
place the signature, together with his  
name and official title, the seal of  
10 the court, and the date.”

**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

