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SRI LANKA**

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT)

A

BILL

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

*Presented by Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, M.P.
for Gampaha District on 22nd of May, 2024*

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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 Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, No. of 2024. Short title

5 2. Section 7 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment” as amended by Act, No. 58 of 2009, is hereby further amended by the repeal of subsection 4(d) and substitution thereof, with the following:- Amendment of Section 7 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981

10 “(d) In order to guarantee better representation of women in political parties and in politics, every recognized political party shall ensure the inclusion of not less than thirty *per centum* of women office bearers, in a decision making
15 capacity, in the list of office bearers of such party.”.

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

