

# A BILL

## *intituled*

An Act to amend the Elections Act 1958.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong with the advice and consent of the Dewan Negara and Dewan Rakyat in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Elections (Amendment) Act 1990 and shall come into force on such date as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Short title and commencement.

2. Section 2 of the Elections Act 1958, which in this Act is referred to as "the principal Act", is amended by substituting for the definition of "polling station" the following new definition:

Amendment of section 2, Act 19.

"polling station" means any room, structure, vehicle or vessel, at the place appointed under section 7, set apart and equipped for the purpose of polling and counting of votes;'

3. Section 16 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the word "officer" in paragraph (j) of subsection (2) the words "or a presiding officer".

Amendment of section 16.

4. The principal Act is amended, in the Bahasa Malaysia text, by substituting for the words "pegawai pengetua" wherever they appear therein the words "ketua tempat mengundi".

General amendment.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Elections Act 1958.

2. *Clause 2* seeks to amend the definition of "polling station" with a view of extending its use as a place for the counting of votes.

3. *Clause 3* seeks to empower the Election Commission to prescribe the circumstances in which votes counted by a presiding officer may be rejected by such officer as invalid.
4. *Clause 4* seeks to change the designation of "pegawai pengetua" to "ketua tempat mengundi".

*FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS*

This Bill will not involve the Government in any extra financial implication. [PN. (U<sup>2</sup>) 1465.]