

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Election Offences Act 1954.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Dull 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 Election Offences (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 41 of the Election Offences Act 1954, which in this Act is referred to as "the principal Act", is amended by inserting after the word "officer" in that section and in the marginal note thereto the words "or presiding officer".

Amendment of section 41. Act 5.

3. 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 Election Offences Act 1954.

2. *Clause 2* seeks to amend section 41 of the Act to provide for the finality of the decision of the prosiding officer in rejecting ballot papers during the counting of votes for the purpose of an

election petition. The amendment proposed in *clause 3* is consequential to the change of designation of "pegawai pengetua" to "ketua tempat mengundi".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

This Bill will not involve the Government in any extra financial expenditure. [PN. (U²) 1506.]