

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to amend the Elections Act to reduce the current deposits payable, for elections, by candidates, and for connected matters.

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Elections (Amendment) Act, 2017.

2. Amendment of Cap. 3:01

The Elections Act (In this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Act.

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3. Amendment of section 43

Section 43 (1) of the Principal Act is amended –

- (a) in paragraph (a) by substituting for the words “five hundred thousand dalasis”, the words “ten thousand dalasis”;
- (b) in paragraph (b) by substituting for the words “fifty thousand dalasis”, the words “five thousand dalasis”;
- (c) in paragraph (c) by substituting for the words “fifty thousand dalasis”, the words “two thousand five hundred dalasis”; and
- (d) in paragraph (d) by substituting for the words “ten thousand dalasis”, the words “one thousand two hundred and fifty dalasis”.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to encourage the widespread participation of the ordinary citizenry in the new democratic dispensation.

It does so by amending the Elections Act to reduce the current deposits payable by candidates for elections to the offices of President, Member of the National Assembly, Mayor or Mayoress, and Councillor, to the previous deposit figures.

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