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Bill No. 20

*National Women's Council
(Amendment) Bill*

2015

**THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2015.**

MEMORANDUM

The objective of this Bill is to amend the National Women's Council Act to exempt elections at women's committees lower than the district women's committee from the requirements of article 68(1) of the Constitution that the election should be held by secret ballot; and to provide for related matters.

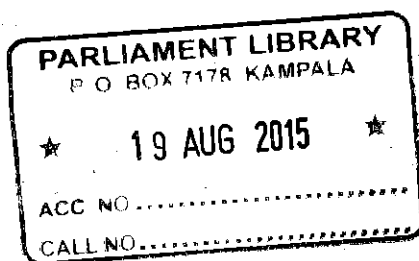
Article 68(1) of the Constitution requires that voting at a public election shall be by secret ballot using one ballot box at each station for all candidates. In accordance with article 68(1) of the Constitution, regulation 22 of the National Women's Council (Women's Councils and Committees) (Elections) (No. 1) Regulations and regulation 4 of the National Women's Councils and Committees) (Elections) (No. 2) Regulations provide for elections of the national, district and lower women's councils and committees to be by secret ballot.

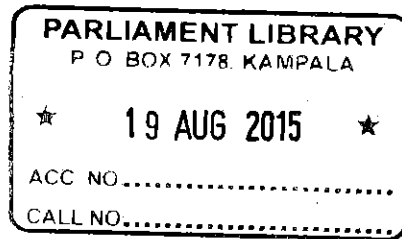
Whereas article 68(6) of the Constitution enjoins Parliament with power to exempt by law any public election from the requirements of article 68(1) that it should be held by secret ballot, the National Women's Council Act does not explicitly provide for the mode of election for women's councils and committees.

The Bill seeks to amend the National Women's Council Act, in accordance with article 68(6) of the Constitution, to exempt the elections at village, parish or ward, subcounty, division or town women's committees from the requirements of article 68(1) that the election should be held by secret ballot.

The Bill proposes that the elections at these levels should be conducted by lining up behind the candidates, their representatives, their portraits or symbols.

ANITE EVELYN (MP)
Minister of State for Youth and Children Affairs.





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**THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL (AMENDMENT)
ACT, 2015.**

An Act to amend the National Women's Council Act to exempt elections at women committees lower than the district women's committee from the requirements of article 68(1) of the Constitution that the election should be held by secret ballot; and to provide for related matters.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

1. Amendment of the National Women's Council Act

The National Women's Council Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 7A the following new section-

"7B. Election of women's committees

(1) Elections for the National Women's Executive Committee and the district women's committees shall be by secret ballot.

(2) Elections for the village, parish or ward, subcounty, division or town women's committee shall be by the electorate lining up behind the candidates nominated for the office, their representatives, portraits or symbols."

