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**Bill No. 19**

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**THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL (AMENDMENT)  
BILL, 2015**

**MEMORANDUM**

The objective of this Bill is to amend the National Youth Council Act to exempt elections at youth committees lower than the district youth committee from the requirements of article 68(1) of the Constitution which requires 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, section 8(8) of the National Youth Council Act, Cap 319 provides for all elections at national and district youth councils 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 Youth Council Act does not explicitly provide for the mode of election for youth committees at the village, parish or ward, subcounty, division town.

The Bill seeks to amend the National Youth Council Act, in accordance with article 68(6) of the Constitution, to exempt the elections at village, parish or ward, subcounty, division or town youth committee 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.

The Bill further seeks to amend section 27A of the National Youth Council Act to reconcile the term of office of youth councils and committees with those of the other elected officials which is set at five years.

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

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**THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL (AMENDMENT)  
ACT, 2015.**

**An Act to amend the National Youth Council Act to exempt elections at youth committees lower than the district youth 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 Youth Council Act**

The National Youth Council Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended in subsection (3) by substituting for the words “executive committee”, appearing at the beginning of that section, the word “council”.

**2. Amendment of section 8 of the principal Act**

Section 8 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (8) by substituting for the word “council”, the word “committee”;
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (8), the following—

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“(8a) Elections for the village, parish or ward, subcounty, division or town youth committee shall be by the electorate lining up behind the candidates nominated for the office, their representatives, portraits or symbols.”

**3. Amendment of section 27A of the principal Act**

Section 27A of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by substituting for the word “four”, the word “five”.

