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Bill No. 24 *The Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill* 2020**THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2020****MEMORANDUM**

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Parliamentary Elections Act, 2005 to provide for the inclusion of older persons as a special interest group in Parliament; to provide for five representatives of older persons in Parliament; to operationalise articles 32(1) and 78(1) (c) of the Constitution and to provide for the manner of election of representatives of older persons in Parliament by electoral college.

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BILL, 2020

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clauses

1. Amendment of Act No. 17 of 2005.
2. Amendment of section 8B of principal Act.
3. Insertion of section 8HA in principal Act.

A Bill for an Act

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**THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2020**

An Act to amend the Parliamentary Elections Act, 2005 to provide for the inclusion of older persons as a special interest group in Parliament; to provide for five representatives of older persons in Parliament; and to provide for the manner of election of representatives of older persons in Parliament by electoral college.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

1. Amendment of Act No. 17 of 2005.

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 2005, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended in section 8(2) by inserting immediately after paragraph (d) the following—

“(e) for older persons, there shall be five representatives, at least one of whom shall be a woman.”

2. Amendment of section 8B of principal Act.

The principal Act is amended in section 8B by inserting immediately after subsection (2) the following new section—

“(3) The Minister may, by statutory instrument, amend the Third Schedule to this Act”.

3. Insertion of section 8HA in principal Act.

The principal Act is amended in Part V by inserting immediately after section 8H the following new sections—

“8HA. Representatives of older persons

(1) For the purposes of the election of representatives of older persons in Parliament, Uganda shall be divided into four regions namely—

- (a) Northern Region;
- (b) Eastern Region;
- (c) Central Region; and
- (d) Western Region.

(2) The regions shall each comprise the areas of the districts specified in relation to them in the Third Schedule to this Act.

8HB. Electoral college within region of representation

All members of a District Council for Older Persons within each region shall constitute an electoral college for the election of the representative of the older person in Parliament for that region.

8HC. Qualifications for election of representatives of older persons

A person seeking to be elected as a representative of older persons in Parliament shall be aged at least sixty years and shall also be qualified to be a member of Parliament in terms of article 80 of the Constitution and section 4 of this Act.

8HD. Election of representative of older persons for each region

(1) The Commission shall appoint, by notice published in the Gazette, three days within which the electoral college of each region shall meet in their region to elect the representative of the older persons for that region.

(2) The nomination of a candidate for election under subsection (1) shall be on a day appointed by the Commission on a form and in a manner approved by the Commission supported by two registered voters who are members of the electoral college and shall be accompanied by the nomination fee prescribed in section 81.

8HE. Female representative of older persons

(1) The four regional electoral colleges specified in section 8HB shall each elect a member of Parliament to represent the respective region and shall, after doing so, jointly elect the national woman representative for older persons.

(2) The Commission shall appoint, by notice published in the Gazette, three days within which the electoral college referred to in subsection (1) shall meet in their region to elect the female representative of the older persons for that region.

(3) The nomination of a candidate for election under subsection (1) shall be on a day appointed by the Commission on a form and in a manner approved by the Commission supported by two registered voters who are members of the electoral college and shall be accompanied by the nomination fee prescribed in section 81.”

