



GUYANA

ACT No. 12 of 2006

ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2006

I assent.

Bharrat Jagdeo,  
President.  
2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2006.

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AN ACT to amend the Representation of the People Act and the Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

A.D. 2006

Short title  
Cap. 1:03  
No. 15 of 2006

1. This Act, which amends the Representation of the People Act and Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000, may be cited as the Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2006.

Amendment of the Representation of the People Act changing "registration card" to "registration record"

2. In sections 2, 11 (2), 43 (b), 50 (2), 58 (3), 61 (2) (c), 77 (4) and form 2 in the Schedule for the words "registration card" substitute the words "registration record".

Amendment of the Representation of the People Act changing "registration cards" to "registration records"

3. In sections 32 (3), 44 (2) and 61 (3), and form 23A in the Schedule for the words "registration cards" substitute the words "registration records".

Amendment of section 59 and 79 of the Representation of the People Act

4. Sections 59 (1) (c) and 79 (1) (b) (v) of the Representation of the People Act are amended by the substitution for the words "bodies known as the Guyana National Service" of the words "body known as".

Amendment of section 84 of the Representation of the People Act

5. Section 84 of the Representation of the People Act is amended in the following respects:-

(a) by the insertion, immediately after subsection (1) of the following subsection

"(1A) (a) Where an election officer for a polling district discovers a material error on the Statement of Poll from a polling station for that polling district, he shall inform the presiding officer for that polling station forthwith, and the presiding officer, if the Statement of Poll has not yet been sent to the Returning Officer, in the presence of the persons who signed the original Statement of Poll, shall prepare a corrected Statement of Poll, signed by himself and the original signatories present and the corrected Statement of Poll shall be sent to the Returning Officer.

(b) Where the mistake is discovered when the Statement of Poll is in the possession of the Returning Officer, the presiding officer shall be informed of the mistake and the Returning Officer shall summon the presiding officer and the persons who signed the original Statement of Poll, for the

purpose of effecting the necessary correction to the Statement of Poll by the presiding officer in the presence of the other persons mentioned in this paragraph, as attend.

(c) The presiding officer shall post the corrected Statement of Poll next to the original incorrect Statement of Poll at his polling station and the Returning Officer shall use the corrected Statement of Poll in making the public declaration under subsection (1)".

Amendment of section 96 of the Representation of the People Act

6. Section 96 of the Representation of the People Act is amended as follows -

- (a) by renumbering it as subsection (1);
- (b) by the insertion of the following subsection as subsection (2) -

"(2) The Chief Election Officer shall prepare a report manually and in electronic form in terms of section 99 for the benefit of the Commission, which shall be the basis for the Commission to declare and publish the election results under section 99."

Amendment of section 99 of the Representation of the People Act

7. Section 99 of the Representation of the People Act is amended by the insertion after the word "practicable" the words ",but not later than fifteen days".

Amendment of section 150 of the Representation of the People Act

8. Section 150 of the Representation of the People Act is amended by the deletion of the words "and for amending the Schedule".

Insertion of new section 150A in the Representation of the People Act

9. The Representation of the People Act is amended by the insertion after section 150 of the following section -

"Commission to determine every Form in the Schedule

150A.(1) The Commission may determine the nature and content of and publish every form in the Schedule.

(2) The Commission shall determine and effect such amendments as may be necessary to any form as determined by the Commission and may completely substitute one form for another where circumstances so justify.

(3) The Forms in the Schedule shall continue to have effect as though determined by the Commission until amended by determination of the Commission."

Amendment of the  
Election Laws  
(Amendment) Act  
2000  
No. 15 of 2000

10. Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000 is amended as follows

- (a) sections 3 and 4 are deleted;
- (b) section 5 (2) is amended by the substitution for it following –

"(2) The official list of electors and the non-resident electors' roll shall be prepared in accordance with sections 6 and 7 of this Act and the National Registration Act."

Cap. 19:08

*Passed by the National Assembly on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2006.*

*S.E. Isaacs,*  
Clerk of the National Assembly.

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