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**BILL No. 7 of 2006**

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The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly is published for general information.

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**GUYANA**

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**ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2006**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**SECTION**

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of the Representation of the People Act changing "registration card" to "registration record".
3. Amendment of the Representation of the People Act changing "registration cards" to "registration records".
4. Amendment of sections 59 and 79 of the Representation of the People Act.
5. Amendment of section 84 of the Representation of the People Act.
6. Amendment of section 96 of the Representation of the People Act.
7. Amendment of section 99 of the Representation of the People Act.
8. Amendment of section 150 of the Representation of the People Act.
9. Insertion of new section 150A in the Representation of the People Act.
10. Amendment of the Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000.

**A BILL  
Intituled**

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

A.D. 2006

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title.  
Cap. 1:03  
No. 15 of 2000

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) and 61 (2) (a) 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) 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) (e) 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 Returning Officer for that polling district forthwith, and the Returning Officer, after ascertaining the views of the presiding officer for that polling station and in the presence of the persons who signed the original Statement of Poll and persons entitled to be present as attend, shall prepare a correct Statement of Poll, signed by himself and the persons present and the corrected Statement of Poll shall be utilised in making the public declaration under subsection (1);

(b) the Returning Officer for that polling district shall send the corrected Statement of Poll to the concerned presiding officer for him to post next to the original incorrect Statement of Poll which he first posted;

(c) the Returning Officer shall direct the concerned presiding officer for that polling station to provide each person who signed the original incorrect

Statement of Poll with a copy of the corrected Statement of Poll."

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 of the 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."

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Representation of the People Act, Cap. 1:03, and the Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000 (No. 15 of 2000).

With the introduction of the process of continuous registration by the National Registration Act, Cap. 19:08, it is necessary to make consequential changes to the Representation of the People Act and the Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000.

This Bill in effect throughout the Act substitutes for the words "registration card" the words "registration record" and for the words "registration cards" the words "registration records".

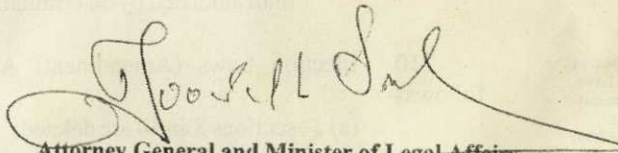
Clause 5 seeks to amend section 84 of the Representation of the People Act to prescribe a process to be utilised to provide for Returning Officers to make corrections to the statement of poll submitted by the presiding officers.

Clause 6 seeks to insert a new subsection to section 96 in the Representation of the People Act to provide for the Chief Election Officer to prepare manually and in electronic form his report, on the basis of which the Commission shall declare and publish the election results.

Clause 7 seeks to amend section 99 of the Representation of the People Act to provide for a stipulated time, not exceeding fifteen days, from election day for the declaration of election results.

Clause 9 seeks to insert a new section 150A in the Representation of the People Act which gives the Commission the authority to determine the nature and content of, and publish, every form in the Schedule.

Clause 10 seeks to amend the Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000 (No. 15 of 2000) by the deletion of sections 3 and 4 which are no longer necessary in view of the provisions of the National Registration Act, Cap. 19:08 which provide for continuous registration. This clause also amends section 5 of the Act by the substitution for subsection (2) of a new subsection in relation of the preparation of the official list of electors' and the non-resident electors' roll.

  
Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs.