

BILL No. 9 of 2009

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

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ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 8 of the Principal Act.

A BILL**Intituled**

AN ACT to amend the Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000.

A.D. 2009

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title.
Act No. 15 of
2009

1. This Act, which amends the Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000, may be cited as the Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2009.

Amendment of
section 8 of the
Principal Act.

2. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended in the following respects –

(a) in subsection (1), by the substitution for the proviso, of the following proviso –

"Provided that one scrutineer in each registration division and one in any subdivision thereof appointed by –

(a) the governing party;

(b) the combined opposition parties,

in the National Assembly shall be paid remuneration in accordance with an administrative scheme made by the Election Commission after the Commission is satisfied from supporting evidence that the scrutineer has satisfactorily performed his duties.

(b) immediately after subsection (1), by the insertion of the following subsection as subsection (1A) –

"(1A) The list of scrutineers of the combined opposition of the National Assembly to be remunerated shall be submitted by the Leader of the Opposition after meaningful consultation with the other opposition parties in the National Assembly."

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000 (Act No. 15 of 2000) makes certain amendments in the laws relating to the registration of persons and to elections to choose the President, members of the National Assembly and members of the regional democratic councils. The Bill seeks to amend the said Act.

Clause 1 of the Bill gives its short title.

Clause 2 seeks to amend section 8 of the Act dealing with scrutineers. Under the existing provisions of the proviso to subsection (1) of the said section 8, one scrutineer in each registration division and one in any subdivision appointed by the majority party as well as by the combined minority parties in the National Assembly would be entitled to receive remuneration as determined by the Elections Commission in accordance with section 21 of the Act. It is proposed to empower the Commission to make an administrative scheme for effecting payments of the scrutineers' remuneration after the Commission is satisfied on the evidence that the scrutineer has satisfactorily performed his duties. Further, it is proposed to provide that the list of the scrutineers for the combined opposition required to be remunerated shall be submitted by the Leader of the Opposition after meaningful consultation with the other opposition parties in the National Assembly.



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