



ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016

(Act 13 of 2016)

I assent

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J. A. Michel
President

20th June, 2016



AN ACT to amend the Elections Act (Cap 262).

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

1. This Act may be cited as the Elections (Amendment) Act, 2016. Short title

Amendment
of Cap 262
as last
amended by
Act 14 of 2015

2. The Elections Act is hereby amended as follows —
- (a) by inserting after Part II the following Part —

“PART II – A

Right of
residents of
new electoral
areas

10A. Notwithstanding section 5, where an electoral area published under Article 116(5) of the Constitution has not come into operation and an election or referendum is held before the dissolution of the National Assembly a citizen who is a resident of the electoral area so published and who has registered as a voter in any electoral area may vote in the electoral area where he or she has registered.

Right to
register as
new voters

10B. Notwithstanding section 5, a citizen residing in an electoral area published under article 116(5) and who has attained the age of eighteen years, may register as a voter in the electoral area of his or her last known residence and vote in an election or referendum specified in section 10A unless he or she is disqualified from registration under section 5(1).

Citizen
residing
overseas may
vote

10C. Notwithstanding section 5(3), any citizen of Seychelles living overseas who is residing in an electoral area published under article 116(5), may register as a voter in an electoral area where he or she last resided before leaving to reside overseas unless he or she is disqualified from registration under section 5(1).”.

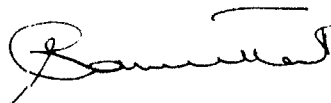
- (b) in section 12 —
- (A) in subsection (1) —

- (i) by repealing in paragraph (a) the word “or” appearing at the end;
 - (ii) by inserting after paragraph (b) the following paragraph—
 - “(c) an election for a new electoral area published under article 116.”;
- (B) by inserting after subsection (3), the following subsection—

“(4) An election to an area specified under subsection (1)(c) shall be held within a period of one year from the date of the next dissolution of the National Assembly after the electoral area is so published.

(5) The Electoral Commission may, for holding an election under subsection (4), require the residents to register as voters or apply for transfer of their registration, or by itself transfer the voters residing in that electoral area who are registered as voters in other electoral areas having regard to the census of residents held immediately before or after the coming into operation of the electoral area under article 116.”.

I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on 14th June, 2016.



Ms. Shelda Commettant
Clerk to the National Assembly