

THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL
(No. XXIX of 2011)

Explanatory Memorandum

The object of this Bill is to amend the Constitution to provide for a minimum number of candidates for election to local authorities to be of a particular sex, with a view to ensuring adequate representation of each sex on a local authority.

2. The opportunity has been taken to amend the relevant definitions in the Constitution, in the light of the provisions of the Local Government Bill.

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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause

1. Short title
2. Section 16 of Constitution amended
3. Section 111 of Constitution amended

A BILL

To amend the Constitution of Mauritius

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows –

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) Act 2011.

2. Section 16 of Constitution amended

Section 16 of the Constitution is amended, in subsection (4), by inserting, after paragraph (a), the following new paragraph –

- (aa) for a minimum number of candidates for election to local authorities to be of a particular sex, with a view to ensuring adequate representation of each sex on a local authority;

3. Section 111 of Constitution amended

Section 111 of the Constitution is amended, in subsection (1) –

- (a) by deleting the definition of “local authority” and replacing it by the following definition –

“local authority” means –

- (a) the Municipal Council of any city or town;
 - (b) the District Council of any district;
 - (c) the Village Council of any village; or
 - (d) any new local authority created under any enactment;
- (b) in the definition of “local government officer”, by deleting the words “Mayor, Chairman” and replacing them by the words “Lord Mayor, Mayor, Chairperson”.
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