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DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF PARLIAMENT

IN Pursuance of the resolution of the National Parliament of Friday, 27th May, 2011, I hereby fix Tuesday, 14th June, 2011, at two o'clock in the afternoon, as the day on which Parliament shall next meet.

Hon. J. NAPE, C.M.G, MP.,
Speaker of the National Parliament.

THE CONSTITUTION

ALTERATION TO THE ORGANIC LAW ON NATIONAL AND LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

THE Government proposes to alter the *Organic Law on the National and Local-Level Government Elections* and, pursuant to the requirements of Section 14(2) (*Making of Alterations to the Constitution and the Organic Laws*) of the Constitution, I, Jeffrey Nape, the Speaker of the National Parliament, hereby publish the proposed Law:—

Draft of: 26/05/2011.

PROPOSED LAW TO ALTER THE ORGANIC LAW ON NATIONAL AND LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

entitled

Organic Law on National and Local-Level Government Elections (Amendment No. 1) Law.

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES.

1. Interpretation (Amendment of Section 3).
2. Election of Members to the Parliament (Amendment of Section 25).
3. New Section 33B

PROPOSED LAW TO ALTER THE ORGANIC LAW ON NATIONAL AND LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.

entitled

Organic Law on National and Local-Level Government Elections (Amendment No. 1) Law.

Alteration to the Constitution—continued

Being a Law to alter the *Organic Law on the National and Local-Level Government Elections*, to provide for women's electorates and for other related purposes,

MADE by the National Parliament to come into operation in accordance with a notice published in the *National Gazette* by the Head of State, acting with, and in accordance with the advice of the Minister.

1. INTERPRETATION (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 3).

Section 3(1) of the Principal Law is amended —

(a) in the definition of “this Law” by deleting the full stop at the end of the word “Law” and replacing it with a semi-colon; and

(b) by adding after the definition of “this Law” the following definition:—

““women’s electorate” is the same as provinces defined under the Organic Law on Provincial Boundaries and for the purposes of this Organic Law includes the National Capital District defined under the Organic Law on the National Capital District”.

2. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PARLIAMENT (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 25).

Section 25 of the Principal Law is amended —

(a) in Subsection (2) by inserting after the word “each” and before the word “electorate” the following word: “open”; and

(b) by adding after Subsection (2) the following new subsections:—

“(3) A single member shall be elected for each provincial electorate by electors entitled to vote in respect of that electorate”.

“(4) A woman shall be elected for each provincial electorate by electors entitled to vote in respect of that electorate.”.

3. NEW SECTION 33B.

Section 33 of the Principle Law is amended by inserting immediately after Section 33A the following new Section:

“33B. Women’s Electorates—

(1) There shall be one women’s electorate for each province.

(2) The boundaries of each women’s electorate are the boundaries of the province for which it is the provincial electorate.”.

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Organic Law on National and Local-Level Government Elections (Amendment No. 2) Law.

Alteration to the Constitution—continued

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

1. Open Electorates (Amendment of Section 35).
2. Savings.

PROPOSED LAW TO ALTER THE ORGANIC LAW ON NATIONAL AND LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

entitled

Organic Law on National and Local-Level Government Elections (Amendment No. 2) Law.

Being a Law to alter the *Organic Law on the National and Local-Level Government Elections*, to provide for open electorates and for related purposes,

MADE by the National Parliament to come into operation in accordance with a notice in the *National Gazette* by the Head of State, acting with and in accordance with the advice of the Minister.

1. OPEN ELECTORATES (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 35).

Section 35 of the Principal Law is amended in Subsection (1) by repealing the figure “110” and replacing it with the following:—

“89”.

2. SAVINGS.

The existing number of open electorates upon which the election to membership of Parliament was held prior to the commencement of the *Organic Law on National and Local-Level Government Elections (Amendment No. 1) Law (No. 28 of 2002)* (the Amendment Law) and which fell short of the number of open electorates required by the Amendment Law shall not by reason of that non compliance be regarded as not fully constituted, effectual, lawful or valid but for all intents and purposes, despite lack of compliance, be regarded after that commencement as fully constituted, effectual, lawful and valid number of open electorates for purposes of election and the membership to Parliament at the relevant time as if the Amendment law had not been made.