

THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024

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An Act to amend the Registration of Persons Act, 2015 to grant the National Identification and Registration Authority the power to administer the Children Act, Cap. 59, the Customary Marriage (Registration) Act, Cap. 248, the Marriage Act, Cap. 251, the Hindu Marriage and Divorce Act, Cap. 250 and the Marriage and Divorce of Mohammedans Act, Cap. 252 in order to give effect to the Government Policy on Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure; and for related purposes.

DATE OF ASSENT:

Date of Commencement:

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

Commencement

This Act shall come into force on a date appointed by the Minister in consultation with the Minister responsible for Justice, by statutory instrument.

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2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"agency" means a body established by an Act of Parliament and includes an authority;

"commission" means a body established by the Constitution;

"Government" means the Government of Uganda;

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for internal affairs; and

"Ministry" means the Ministry responsible for internal affairs.

3. Objectives

- (1) The main objective of this Act is to give effect to the Government Policy for Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure adopted by the Cabinet on 22nd February, 2021 and contained in Cabinet Minute No. 43(CT 2021).
- (2) Without prejudice to the general effect of subsection (1), the following objectives shall be deemed to fall under the objective specified in that subsection—
 - (a) the merging, mainstreaming and rationalisation of agencies, commissions, authorities and public expenditure thereby, *inter alia*, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure;
 - (b) the facilitation of efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of government agencies and departments and thereby avoiding duplication of mandates and functions;

- (c) the promotion of coordinated administrative arrangements, policies and procedures for—
 - (i) ensuring the efficient and successful management, financial accounting and budgetary discipline of government agencies and departments;
 - (ii) enabling the Government to play its proper role more effectively; and
 - (iii) enforcing accountability; and
- (d) the restructuring and re-organisation of agencies and departments of Government by eliminating bloated structures and functional ambiguities in Government agencies and departments.

4. Purpose of amendment of Act 4 of 2015

The purpose of amending the Registration of Persons Act, 2015, Act 4 of 2015, is to empower the National Identification and Registration Authority to administer and give effect to the following laws on civil registration—

- (a) the Children Act, Cap. 59;
- (b) the Customary Marriage (Registration) Act, Cap. 248;
- (c) the Marriage Act, Cap. 251;
- (d) the Hindu Marriage and Divorce Act, Cap. 250; and
- (e) the Marriage and Divorce of Mohammedans Act, Cap. 252.

5. Amendment of section 5 of Act 4 of 2015

Section 5 of Act 4 of 2015 is amended in subsection (1) by inserting immediately after paragraph (1), the following—

"(la) to administer and give effect to sections 54 and 43I of the Children Act, Cap. 59, the Customary Marriage (Registration) Act, Cap. 248 and the Marriage Act, Cap. 251; the Hindu Marriage and Divorce Act, Cap. 250; and the Marriage and Divorce of Mohammedans Act, Cap. 252."

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