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*National Youth Council (Amendment)*

**Bill No. 17**

Bill No:..... **2008**

THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL,  
2008.

**MEMORANDUM.**

The object of this Bill is to amend the National Youth Act—

- (a) to remove compulsory membership of every village youth resident aged between eighteen years and thirty years of a village youth council;
- (b) to make the decisions of the village youth council binding on all youths in the village;
- (c) to exclude non citizens from membership of a youth council;
- (d) to provide for the Electoral Commission to compile, maintain, revise and update the voters registers at the village and parish levels;
- (e) to provide for the Electoral Commission to designate a period for the registration of Ugandan citizens who would like to participate in elections of the youth council at the village level;
- (f) to reflect the multi party election system in the youth council elections; and
- (g) to give the Minister power to make regulations regarding the election of members of the council.

SYDA BBUMBA,  
*Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development.*

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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES.

*Clause.*

1. Amendment of Cap. 319.
2. Insertion of new sections 6A and 6B.
3. Insertion of new section 9A.
4. Replacement of section 27.

A Bill for an Act

ENTITLED

THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2008.

An Act to amend the National Youth Council Act to provide for membership of a village youth council; to empower the Electoral Commission to designate a time period for registration of prospective voters for the village and parish youth council elections and to maintain the voters register at village and parish level.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

1. Amendment of Cap. 319.

The National Youth Council Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act is amended in section 6—

(a) by substituting for subsection (1) the following—

“(1) A village youth council shall consist of youths who reside in the village and who are willing to be members of the village of the council.”;

(b) by inserting immediately after subsection(1) the following—

“(la) Without prejudice to subsection (1), a person who is not a citizen of Uganda shall not be a member of a youth council.

(lb) The decisions of a village youth council shall be binding on all the youths in a village.”

2. Insertion of new sections 6A and 6B.

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 6 the following—

“6A. Electoral Commission to designate period for registration

The Electoral Commission shall—

(a) by statutory instrument designate a time period for registering youths who wish to participate in a youth council election at the village level and the parish level;

(b) compile, maintain, revise and update a voters register for the youth council at the village and the parish level;

(c) by statutory instrument designate a period for updating the voter’s register for a woman’s council election.

6B. Electoral Commission to settle disputes

The powers of the Electoral Commission to settle disputes as provided in section 15 of the Electoral Commission Act shall with the necessary modifications apply to youth council elections”.

3. Insertion of new section 9A.

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 9 the following—

**“9A. Sponsorship of a candidate by a political organisation or a political party**

Under the multi party political system, nomination of candidates may be made by a political organisation or a political party sponsoring a candidate or by a candidate standing for election as an independent candidate without being sponsored by a political party or a political organisation.”

**4. Replacement of section 27**

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 27 the following is inserted—

**“27. Regulations**

(1) The Minister may, after consultation with the council, by statutory instrument, make regulations for better carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1) the Minister shall after consultation with the council, make regulations for the implementation of the provisions of this Act regarding election of members of the council.

(3) Without prejudice to subsection (1), the Minister may, prescribe as penalties for contravention of regulations made under that subsection—

- (a) a fine not exceeding seventy two currency points or imprisonment not exceeding three years or both;
- (b) a daily fine not exceeding five currency points for each day on which the contravention continues; and
- (c) disqualification for a period not exceeding five years from the date of the conviction from holding an office on a youth committee or being a member of any youth council other than a cell or village women’s council”.