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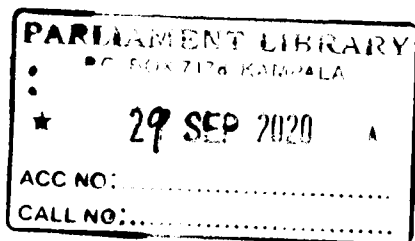
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Bill No. 25 *Local Governments (Amendment) Bill* **2020**

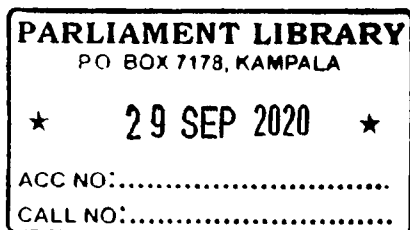
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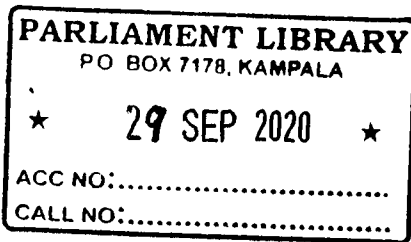
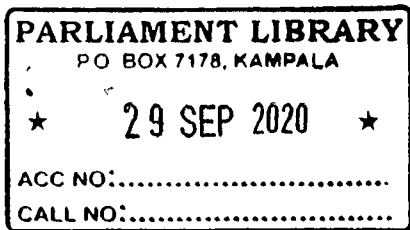
MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Local Governments Act, Cap. 243 to provide for one-third of the membership of each local government council to be reserved for women in accordance with article 180 of the Constitution and to remove the age requirements for a person to qualify for election as chairperson of a municipality, town, division or subcounty.



RAPHAEL MAGYEZI (MP),
Minister of Local Government.





A Bill for an Act

ENTITLED

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

An Act to amend the Local Governments Act, Cap. 243 to provide for one-third of the membership of each local government council to be reserved for women in accordance with article 180 of the Constitution and to remove the age requirements for a person to qualify for election as chairperson of a municipality, town, division or subcounty.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows—

1. Amendment of Cap. 243

The Local Governments Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended in section 10 (1) by substituting for paragraph (e) the following—

“(e) women councilors forming one-third of the council, such that the councilors elected under paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (f) and (fa) shall form two-thirds of the council;”.

2. Amendment of section 23 of principal Act

Section 23 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1), by substituting for paragraph (e) the following—

“(e) women councillors forming one-third of the council.”;
- (b) in subsection (2), by substituting for paragraph (e) the following—

“(e) women councillors forming one-third of the council.”;
- (c) in subsection (3), by substituting for paragraph (e) the following—

“(e) women councillors forming one-third of the council.”;
- (d) in subsection (4), by substituting for paragraph (e) the following—

“(e) women councillors forming one-third of the council.”;
- (e) in subsection (5), by substituting for paragraph (e) the following—

“(e) women councillors forming one-third of the council.”;
- (f) by inserting immediately after subsection (6) the following subsection—

“(6a) The women councillors forming one-third of the council referred to in subsections (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) shall include the woman councillor representing older persons.”

3. Amendment of section 111 of the principal Act

Section 111 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (4) (c).