

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Federal Constitution.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) Act 2022.

(2) This Act is deemed to have come into operation on 15 December 2021.

New Article 119A

2. The Federal Constitution is amended by inserting after Article 119 the following Article:

“Non-application of Article 119 to Rulers, etc., by order

119A. Notwithstanding Article 119, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong may, with the consent of the Conference of Rulers, by order published in the *Gazette*, prescribe for an exemption to any

Ruler and his Consort, any Yang di-Pertua Negeri and his Consort, and any heir apparent, heir presumptive and other heirs of a Ruler and their consorts, and any other persons, from the application of Article 119 and any laws relating to registration of electors.”.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Constitution.

2. *Clause 1* of this Bill provides for the short title and the date of commencement of the proposed Act.

The proposed Act is deemed to have come into operation on 15 December 2021 same as the date of commencement of the Constitution (Amendment) Act 2019 [*Act A1603*] which among others requires a citizen who attains the age of eighteen years and is qualified to vote to be automatically registered as an elector by the Election Commission.

3. *Clause 2* of this Bill seeks to introduce a new Article 119^A into the Federal Constitution to provide for the non-application of Article 119 to the Rulers, etc. By virtue of the proposed new Article 119^A, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong may, with the consent of the Conference of Rulers, by order published in the *Gazette*, prescribe for an exemption to any Ruler and his Consort, any Yang di-Pertua Negeri and his Consort, and any heir apparent, heir presumptive and other heirs of a Ruler and their consorts, and any other persons, from the application of Article 119 and any laws relating to registration of electors.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This Bill will involve the Government in extra financial expenditure the amount of which cannot at present be ascertained.

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