

THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR GAZETTE

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BILL

FOR

AN ACT to amend the Parliament Act.

ENACTED by the Legislature of Gibraltar.

Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Parliament (Amendment) Act 2023.

Commencement.

2. This Act comes into operation on the day of publication.

Amendment of the Parliament Act.

3.(1) Section 25 of the Parliament Act is amended in accordance with this section.

(2) In subsection (1)(e)-

- (a) delete the words “but are temporarily outside from Gibraltar”; and
- (b) immediately after the word “elections” insert the words “and prescribing the procedure for postal voting”.

(3) After subsection (2) insert the following new subsection -

“(3) In the event of an emergency as defined by section 10 of the Civil Contingencies Act 2007 being declared the Minister may by Notice in the Gazette suspend all or any of the provisions in any rules made pursuant to this section.”.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill amends the Parliament Act so as to enable the rules on postal voting to be amended to remove the requirement to have to be temporarily outside Gibraltar in order to vote by post and to amend the procedures for the verification of postal votes and the opening of boxes regarding postal voting.

It also includes a provision to allow the Minister to suspend all or any provision in any rules made under the Act in the event of an emergency as defined by section 10 of the Civil Contingencies Act 2007.

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