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**THE RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY  
(AMENDMENT) ACT 2016**

**Act No. 29 of 2016**

*I assent*

*16 December 2016*

*Acting President of the Republic*

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**An Act**

**To amend the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows –

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Amendment) Act 2016.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act.

**3. Section 3 of principal Act amended**

Section 3 of the principal Act is amended, in subsection (3), by deleting the words “18 members” and “other 6” and replacing them by the words “at least 17 members” and “other 5”, respectively.

**4. Section 4 of principal Act amended**

Section 4 of the principal Act is amended, in subsection (1) –

- (a) in paragraph (a), by deleting the words “local region” and replacing them by the words “of the 6 local regions”;
- (b) in paragraph (b), by deleting the figure “6” and replacing it by the figure “5”.

**5. Section 7 of principal Act amended**

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended, in subsection (1), by deleting the words “the first” and replacing them by the word “an”.

**6. Section 8 of principal Act amended**

Section 8 of the principal Act is amended by adding the following new subsection –

- (8) (a) Each registered party presenting more than 2 candidates at an ordinary election shall ensure that not more than two thirds of the total number of candidates of that party in the 6 local regions are of the same sex.

(b) Where a registered party forms part of an alliance, it shall be sufficient for the alliance to comply with paragraph (a) without each party forming part of the alliance necessarily complying with that paragraph.

**7. Section 9 of principal Act amended**

Section 9 of the principal Act is amended –

(a) by repealing subsection (3) and replacing it by the following subsection –

(3) The list shall –

(a) contain the names of not more than 12 persons;

(b) not include the name of a person –

(i) whose name is included on any other list submitted by a registered party for election as a member for the Island region;

(ii) who is an individual or a registered party candidate for election as a member for a local region;

(c) not comprise more than two thirds of persons of the same sex; and

(d) indicate the order of precedence of each of the candidates appearing on the list, provided that not more than 2 consecutive candidates on the list shall be of the same sex.

(b) by repealing subsection (4).

**8. Section 11 of principal Act amended**

Section 11 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (10) and replacing it by the following subsection –

(10) Where, following the return of the Island region members in accordance with subsections (1) to (9), a registered party having obtained 7 or more of the 12 local region seats, finally finds itself with a total of less than 10 of the 17 seats, there shall be allocated to that party such number of additional seats as may be necessary to ensure that it disposes in the Regional Assembly of an overall majority of 3 seats.

**9. Commencement**

(1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

(2) Different dates may be fixed for the coming into operation of different sections of this Act.

Passed by the National Assembly on the fourteenth day of December two thousand and sixteen.

**Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)**  
*Clerk of the National Assembly*

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