

GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT

Amendment A3 agreed to December 9, 2025

AMENDMENTS TO BILL 14

JUSTICE STATUTES AMENDMENT ACT, 2025

The Bill is amended as follows:

A Section 1 is amended

(a) In subsection (4)

- (i) by striking out clause (c);
- (ii) by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:
 - (e) by repealing subsection (5);

(b) in subsection (6) in the proposed section 2.2

- (i) in the section header by striking out “invalid” and substituting “validity of”;
- (ii) by striking out subsections (2) to (5) and substituting the following:

(2) No later than 7 days after the date on which a proponent applied for the issuance of an initiative petition under section 2(1), the Chief Electoral Officer must:

- (a) if the requirements in section 2 have not been met, reject the application and notify the proponent in writing of the rejection and the reasons for the rejection, or
- (b) if the requirements in section 2 have been met, provide a copy of the application to the Minister.

(c) in subsection (8)(b) by striking out “and substituting “section 7(3), 9(4), 13(2)(b) or 13.4(10)(c)” and substituting “and substituting “section 7(3), 9(4) or 13(2)(b)”;

- (d) by striking out subsection (12);
- (e) in subsection (14)
 - (i) by striking out the proposed heading preceding the proposed section 13.1;
 - (ii) by striking out the proposed section 13.1;
 - (iii) in the proposed section 13.2 by striking out "9, 13 and 13.1" and substituting "9 and 13";
- (f) in subsection (24) in the proposed section 71.2 by striking out "in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done in connection with the termination of an initiative petition process by the Minister or".