

Bills Committee on Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2003

Proposed Committee Stage Amendments in relation to Sections 3 and 8 of the Legislative Council Ordinance

Introduction

At the meeting of the Bills Committee held on 29 May 2003, Members requested and the Administration agreed to review –

- (a) the drafting of the Chinese version of the proposed new definition of “elector” in section 3(1) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542); and
- (b) the drafting of the proposed amendment to section 8 of Cap. 542.

Proposals

2. We have considered carefully, in consultation with the Senior Assistant Legal Adviser of the Legislative Council, the drafting point mentioned in paragraph 1 (a) above. We are now working on two alternative formulations to amend the Chinese version of the proposed new definition of “elector” in section 3(1) as follows –

- (a) “ “選民” (elector) 指按照本條例在正式選民登記冊內登記而沒有喪失登記資格或沒有喪失在選舉中投票的資格的人 ; ”

; or

- (b) “ “選民” (elector) 指按照本條例在正式選民登記冊內登記而沒有喪失登記資格或在選舉中的投票資格的人 ; ”

3. As regards the drafting point mentioned in paragraph 1(b) above, we propose to further amend the opening sentence of the proposed new section 8 along the line of the following wording –

“Subject to this part, the Chief Executive may specify different dates for holding a general election to return each of the following classes of Members - ” (*English version*)

“在符合本部的規定下，行政長官可為舉行換屆選舉選出以下每個類別的議員指明不同日期 – ” (*Chinese version*)

Advice Sought

4. Subject to Members’ views, we will proceed with the drafting of Committee Stage Amendments to reflect the necessary changes.

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