

Delegates to vote on setting up of review committee

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KUALA LUMPUR: The 2,385 MCA central delegates will vote on whether to set up a party constitution review committee at their annual general meeting at the party headquarters here on Saturday.

Party secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh said the central committee which met on Tuesday night had decided to set up the constitution review committee to study and make recommendations (to the central committee) on the types of amendments to be made.

The decision was made after considering the fact that many of the 624 proposed resolutions were on constitution amendments, he said.

He added that the review committee would be among several proposed resolutions to be tabled and debated at the AGM which would be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said it was impossible to table each and every proposed amendment at this AGM.

"The constitution review committee will be set up after getting the AGM's endorsement," he told a press conference here yesterday.

The proposed amendments include Articles 150 (party property), 30 and 31 (notice for meeting), 37 (powers of

the central committee), 21 (period of service for party officials), he said.

Dr Ting said there were also proposed amendments, like having three party presidents; to undertake affairs in the Government, Chinese community and party respectively.

There were also proposals to limit the terms of service for president, youth chairman and wanita chairman, MCA ministers, deputy ministers and other Government positions, he said.

He also said some also proposed that all appointed posts in the party be made into elected ones.

He said the central committee would make a decision after considering the proposals from the constitution review committee, including the type of proposed amendments.

Only the general assembly, whether at an extraordinary general meeting or the annual general meeting, could decide on the amendments to the party constitution, he explained.

Dr Ting, who heads the secretariat for the AGM, said the central committee at the Tuesday night meeting decided to consolidate the proposed resolutions into five categories; politics, economics, education, religion and social.