

**Ibrahim Ali suggests ceramah ban after polls**  
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The government is once again urged to implement a system for Malaysians to be automatically registered as voters when they reach the age of 21.

The matter had been raised several times by various parties, especially after the government announced the setting up of the parliamentary select committee on the country's electoral reform.

Bung Mokhtar Radin (BN-Kinabatangan) said the automatic voter registration could save time and money because political parties would no longer have to campaign to get the people to register as voters, and the Election Commission (EC) officers not having to go to the ground to conduct the voter registration exercise.

"We can do that online, automatically, as long as they are citizens, have identity cards, they automatically can become voters," he said when debating a motion on the setting up of the select committee on electoral reform in the Dewan Rakyat today.

The motion was tabled by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz.

Mohd Yusmadi Mohd Yusof (PKR-Balik Pulau), who agreed with Bung Mokhtar, suggested that the minimum voting age be lowered to 18.

Another parliamentary member Ibrahim Ali (Independent-Pasir Mas) suggested the EC to collaborate with university vice-chancellors to open voter registration counters in campus.

"Many university students have reached the eligible age, but do not register. If we can open a counter, I believe half of them will register," he added.

He also suggested that all ceramah (political talks) or campaign by political parties to be banned after an election had ended.

The all the year campaign, which was the current practise, was a waste of time and energy and did not contribute to uniting Malaysians, he added.

He also said family members of candidates who had contested should not be allowed to contest to avoid problems of cronyism.

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