

## **92pct M'sians want voters roll cleaned up before GE**

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A recent poll, done on the eve of the Bersih 3.0 rally, shows that an overwhelming majority of people surveyed want the electoral roll to be cleaned up before the next general election.

According to independent polling group Merdeka Centre, an astounding 92 percent of the 1,019 people surveyed last month said the government should do this before the general election.

The results were almost unanimous across race, age group, gender, income and region, with more than 90 percent of each group answering in the positive.

The survey was conducted over two weeks - between April 14 and 26 - days before the mammoth Bersih rally that saw thousands of yellow-clad protesters on the streets of Kuala Lumpur demanding for clean and fair elections.

Half of those polled have no confidence in roll

It also found that about half, or 48 percent, of the same group said they have no confidence in the electoral roll.

The survey conducted in the weeks preceding the Bersih 3.0 April 28 rally found that respondents felt there were “irregularities” in the roll, including “doubtful voters such as foreigners, people transferred without their knowledge or people with multiple identities”.

More than half of those polled also believe that the law should be amended to allow the gazetted electoral roll to be challenged.

However, a significant 17 percent strongly disagreed with this proposal, which would mean Section 9A of the Election Act should be repealed.

Very strong support for Sabah RCI

Merdeka Centre also found very strong support for a royal commission of inquiry into illegal immigration into Sabah, a matter that is also related to the electoral roll integrity.

A total of 79 percent agree that a RCI be held, while the bulk of them “strongly” agreeing with this.

The RCI found equal support in the northern, central, southern and eastern regions of the country, while those aged 21-30 polled the highest in terms of support among all age groups.

There is still confusion over whether the government will be setting up the royal commission on

the matter.

While some ministers have said that the RCI has already been approved by the cabinet months ago, Prime Minister Najib Razak has yet to make an official announcement.

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