

Perak Sultan uses reserve power to amend constitution
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The Perak Sultan's legal powers have come under scrutiny again after the state constitution was amended through a simple resolution of the house. It was followed by somewhat half-baked arguments by the Perak opposition that the amendment was not properly done, lacking the usual vote and approval by a two-third majority.

The protests by Nizar Jamaluddin and his right-hand man Ngeh Koo Ham, both of Pakatan Rakyat, may be off the mark — the Perak constitution reserves certain powers to the Sultan on royal matters.

He can even promulgate an amendment on his own without the courtesy of seeking "advice and concurrence" from the legislature.

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