

New Mechanism To Weed Out Duplication Of Address
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KUALA LUMPUR - The Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) on Electoral Reform is studying the possibility of introducing a new mechanism where parties be directly involved in reviewing electoral rolls prepared by the Election Commission (EC).

Chairman Dr Maximus Ongkili said it would involve the creation of an open system to clear doubts over the electoral rolls including duplication of address as raised by several parties.

"I can't reveal in detail but it is an open system where political parties can help clean up the electoral rolls," he told reporters after chairing the committee's 12th meeting in parliament building here yesterday.

He was commenting on a claim that 79,098 registered voters had duplication of 354 addresses with one address having more than 100 voters.

Ongkili said that he is studying the issue adding that the new mechanism of an open review system could address the problem.

Ongkili said there are many reasons this may occur, including the address is outdated or incomplete or registered as a group address like flats or longhouses.

"It may also be a temporary used to register. We are looking at all aspects and will suggest what should be implemented by EC to reduce incomplete addresses."

PSC will meet twice, on Thursday and next Tuesday, before the report and recommendations on improving the electoral system are presented before parliament on April 2.

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