

**Changes to election offences law in Parliament**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: Amendments to electoral laws were tabled in Parliament on Monday in a move to streamline future polling processes.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Lui Vui Keong tabled the amendments of the Election Offences Act 1954 for first reading.

One of the changes is the removal of the mandatory requirement for the appointment of a polling or counting agent by a candidate's election agent.

The new law allows "the election agent to hire a political party office for the purpose and allowed to attend vote counting at polling station at a time appointed by the Election Commission to avoid overcrowding at the station."

Also, any political party office may only be set up not less than 100m from the polling centre. Those convicted for breaching this may be liable to one year jail, RM5,000 fine or both.

The proposed amendments also makes it an offence for any person on nomination day to wait or loiter within a distance of 100m or any distance determined by the EC from the place of nomination unless permitted.

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