

**Election Bill passed after voice vote taken among MPs**  
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CONTROVERSY over the alleged cleanliness of the electoral roll took centre stage during the debate on the Election Offences (Amendment) Bill 2012 in the Dewan Rakyat.

The Election Offences (Amendment) Bill 2012, which aims to streamline future polling processes, was passed after a voice vote was taken among the MPs.

During the debate, Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan (BN-Kota Belud) said the opposition kept harping over the 42,000 "dubious" names in the electoral roll although they comprised only 0.03% of the total 12 million voters.

"They (opposition) keep referring to the New Zealand electoral system but there were instances where many voters have been found to be registered in one house," he said.

Datuk Ibrahim Ali (Independent-Pasir Mas) said opposition was merely playing up the issue as a prelude to the coming general elections.

Earlier, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (PKR-Permatang Pauh) called Election Commission chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof "very irresponsible" for thinking little of the 42,000 doubtful voters.

"It is this margin that can cost Barisan Nasional the Wangsa Maju seat and cost Pakatan Rakyat the Alor Star constituency," he said.

Parliamentary Select Committee on electoral reform chairman Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili (BN-Kota Marudu) chided Anwar for his constant attack on the EC.

"What was said (referring to Anwar's statement) is actually the first interim report that has been analysed and agreed by EC.

"Actions have been taken on not less than four to five (suggestions) like indelible ink and early voting," he said.

Meanwhile, the Jasa Perkasa Per-sekutuan (Remembrance Allowance) Bill 2012 and Pingat Tentera Udara (Remembrance Allowance) Bill 2012 were passed in the House.

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