

Amendments To Election Offences Act Passed After 7-hour Debate
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 19 (Bernama) -- The Dewan Rakyat Thursday passed the amendments to the Election Offences Act 1954 after being debated by members of Parliament for seven hours.

The amendments which were tabled on April 9, aimed at improving the election process, including extending the distance for the public to wait or being near the polling centre on polling day from 50 metres to 100 metres, except for voters who come to cast their votes.

When winding-up the debate, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Liew Vui Keong said the amendments did not involve the 22 recommendations made by the Parliamentary Select Committee on Electoral Reforms which was passed by the Dewan Rakyat on April 3.

"The amendments are on the Election Offences Act 1954 and not on the Election Act 1958 which was discussed by the committee. The recommendations made by the committee will involve amendments on the Election Act 1958," he said.

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