

Amendments To Election Offences Act 1954 Tabled For Second Reading
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 9 (Bernama) -- Amendments to the Election Offences Act 1954 tabled in the Dewan Rakyat today for second reading include removing the mandatory requirement of appointing a polling or counting agent by a candidate's election agent.

The Election Offences Amendment Bill was tabled by Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Liew Vui Keong.

Another amendment is 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.

Under the amended sub-clause 8(c), the words "voting place" has been replaced with "voting centre".

Clause 3 of the amendment bill is aimed at amending Section 4 of the Act by replacing the words "to remove" to "be marked" as the former has a negative connotation.

Liew also tabled for the first reading, amendments to the Jasa Perkasa Persekutuan (Remembrance Allowance) Act and Pingat Tentera Udara (Remembrance Allowance) Act.

The amendment bills provide, among others, for an allocation for remembrance allowance of RM1,000 monthly to be given to each recipient of the Jasa Perkasa Persekutuan medal, which is a federal award, and each recipient of the Pingat Tentera Udara who are still alive.

The two amendment bills also seek to provide a one-off payment of RM10,000 to the next of kin of the awards recipients who have died.

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