

Perkasa wants electoral laws amended to stop people with court cases from contesting
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Malay rights group Perkasa wants the Election Commission (EC) to amend its laws to prevent any individual with pending court cases to contest in an election.

Its president Ibrahim Ali (pic) said this would prevent taxpayers' money being wasted with by-elections, like the Kajang by-election and PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim's candidacy.

"The EC should amend its laws on eligibility. Individuals who have serious criminal cases pending in court should not be allowed to become candidates until the cases are settled," he said in a statement today, while praising the EC for suggesting that elected representatives who quit without a reason should be punished.

Kajang state assemblyman Lee Chin Cheh resigned from the seat on January 27 to allow Anwar to contest and gain entry into the Selangor legislature.

Although Ibrahim did not refer to anyone in his statement, Opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is currently in a court case as Putrajaya appeals his acquittal from sodomy charges in January 2012..

Despite the call by its chief for laws to prevent those with pending court cases from contesting elections, Perkasa secretary-general Syed Hassan Syed Ali had on February 2 expressed confidence that Anwar would become the Selangor Menteri Besar.

He had said the Sultan of Selangor will appoint Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as the state's next Menteri Besar as he will get the support of a majority from the Pakatan Rakyat in the state.

Syed Hassan said that no one could deny the constitutional power vested in Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

“The Sultan has power, but normally, the Malay Rulers do not get involved in politics,” said Syed Hassan. - February 13, 2014.

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