

**Disqualified from voting in Permatang Pauh, Anwar sues EC**  
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Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has sued the Election Commission and two others for not allowing him to vote in the Permatang Pauh by-election tomorrow, national news agency Bernama reported today.

He filed the originating summons at the High Court registry today through Messrs Daim & Gamany, and named the EC, its chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof and the Malaysian government as defendants.

The opposition leader had on April 30 sent a legal notice to Aziz to enforce his right to vote in the by-election.

He said he had been a registered voter in Permatang Pauh before his conviction by the Federal Court on February 10 and had voted in the constituency in the 13th general election two years ago.

His lawyers N. Surendran and Latheefa Koya said then that Aziz's decision to disqualify Anwar from voting was "unacceptable" and "irresponsible".

They said Article 119(3)(a) read with 119(4)(b) indisputably established Anwar's eligibility to vote as he had registered before being imprisoned.

Aziz had said Anwar was disqualified to vote in the by-election on May 7 as the Federal Constitution did not allow for the jailed de facto PKR chief to cast his ballot.

The former Permatang Pauh MP is currently serving a five-year sentence in the Sungai Buloh prison for sodomy.

PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail is now contesting the by-election to defend the party's stronghold from Barisan Nasional.

Her challengers are Barisan Nasional newcomer, Suhaimi Sabudin, 43, a construction company managing director from Guar Perahu, Permatang Pauh; independent candidate Salleh Isahak, 53; and Azman Shah Othman from Parti Rakyat Malaysia. – May 6, 2015.

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