

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES (ELEVENTH AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

(Bill No. 6 of 2024)

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to amend article 83 of the Constitution, to provide for the office of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker to be discharged with the utmost integrity and impartiality.

The legislature as a creature of the Constitution is there to legislate in the best interest of the citizens of Seychelles and ensure accountability by the Government for the interest of the citizens of Seychelles.

Accordingly, the office of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker should not only be discharged with fairness and impartiality but should also be seen to do so.

This amendment seeks to remove the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker from the political hold of his or her political party. That amendment will also apply to the office of the Leader of the Opposition, as it will provide for the eventuality that the Leader of the Opposition becomes the Speaker or Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, as provided for in article 84 (3) (b) of the Constitution.

Dated this 4th of June, 2024.

I hereby certify that the attached Bill is a true copy of the full text of the Bill proposed to be introduced.

Hon. Sebastien Pillay
Leader of the Opposition

I hereby certify that the Bill is a true copy of the full text of the Bill proposed by Hon. Sebastien Pillay, Leader of the opposition.

Dated this 4th of June, 2024.

Tania Isaac
Clerk to the National Assembly

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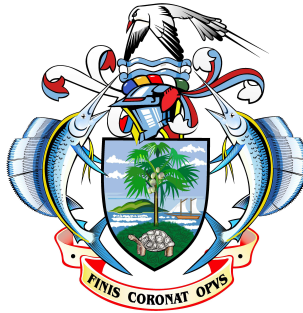
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**A BILL
FOR**

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES.

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution of the Republic of Seychelles (Eleventh Amendment) Act, 2024 and shall be read together with the Constitution of the Republic of Seychelles, Cap. 42, as amended, which is hereinafter referred to as the “Constitution”.

Amendment of article 83

2. Article 83 of the Constitution is amended —

(a) by inserting immediately after clause (1) the following new clause —

“**1A.** Where the person elected as Speaker or Deputy Speaker is a leader of a political party, the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker shall, on the day of his or her election resign as a leader of his or her political party.”

(b) by amending clause 3 by inserting immediately after subclause (c) the following new subclause —

“(d) where the person becomes the leader of a political party.”