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Bills**

NOTICE

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ELECTORAL COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2010

MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Electoral Commission Act in order to prescribe the number of wards that the Electoral Commission may determine for purposes of local government elections.

The Bill proposes that there shall be two (2) wards for each parliamentary constituency, except that, in the case of cities of Blantyre and Lilongwe, the number of wards shall be thirty (30), and in the case of the City of Mzuzu and the City of Zomba, the number of wards shall be fifteen (15) and ten (10), respectively.

ELECTORAL COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2010

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title
2. Amendment of s. 8 of Cap. 2:03

A BILL

entitled

An Act to amend the Electoral Commission Act

ENACTED by the Parliament of Malawi as follows—

1. This Act may be cited as the Electoral Commission (Amendment) Act, 2010. Short title

2. Section 8 (1) of the Electoral Commission Act is amended by deleting paragraph (c) thereof and substituting therefor the following new paragraph as paragraph (c)— Amendment
of s. 8 of
Cap. 2:03

“Cap. 22:02 (c) subject to the Local Government Elections Act and any other written law relating to local government elections, to undertake or supervise the demarcation of wards for purposes of local government elections and to determine the number of such wards:

Provided that—

- (i) in the case of the City of Blantyre, the total number of wards shall not exceed thirty (30);
- (ii) in the case of the City of Lilongwe, the total number of wards shall not exceed thirty (30);
- (iii) in the case of the City of Mzuzu, the total number of wards shall not exceed fifteen (15);

(iv) in the case of the City of Zomba, the total number of wards shall not exceed ten (10); and

(v) in all other cases, the number of wards shall not exceed two (2) for each parliamentary constituency, and the Commission shall ensure that ward boundaries do not cross local authority boundaries.”.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The object of the Bill is to prescribe the number of wards that the Electoral Commission may determine for purposes of local government elections.

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