

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



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(No. 10 of 2022)

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1st October 2022



RE: PETITION TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND THE KENYAN CONSTITUTION UNDER ARTICLE 256 TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS AND LEADER OF OFFICIAL OPPOSITION.

I, the undersigned, Citizen of the Republic of Kenya and residents of Trans Nzoia county

DRAW the attention of the National Assembly to the following:

1.1 THAT, The American presidential system imposed on our political system is the single factor that divides our nation after every election cycle. This “winner takes all” system is the cancer eating the soul of our nation threatening to tear this country apart.

1.2 THAT, Kenyans submitted their views to the Bomas draft constitution which was the bedrock of the current constitution and it had provided for the position of prime minister, deputy prime minister and leader of official opposition.

1.3 THAT, This system was an afterthought a compromise among the political elites at the infamous Naivasha parliamentary retreat that altered the contents of the Bomas draft constitution creating this oppressive presidential system.

1.4 THAT, Every presidential election since the promulgation this constitution has been decisive due to the bareknuckle politics associated with this system. Politicians have adopted ethnicity based politics which illicit raw uncontained emotions leading to chaos and discontentment.

1.5 THAT, This situation has led to the entrenchment of tyranny of numbers tribal politics balkanizing tribes against each other. Unfortunately, the “us” verses “them” mentality is the new normal.

1.6 THAT, This System is only beneficial to tribes with numbers in total disregard of marginalized, minorities and regional balance as evidenced in the Presidential appointments.

1.7 THAT, Various initiatives involving millions of Kenyans to rectify this anomaly through article 257 have been unsuccessful.

1.8 THAT, The 13th parliament has the opportunity to stop this vicious unending cycle that threatens national unity by amendment of this constitution through article 256.

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1.9 THAT, None of these issues raised in this Petition is pending in any court of Law, Constitutional or any other legal body.

WHEREFORE, your humble petitioner prays that the National Assembly

That this petition is heard and considered with a view of having it dealt with in accordance with the law and disposed of appropriately

Dated this.....1st.....day of.....October.....2022.

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