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**THE ELECTION OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL,  
2024**

**A Bill for**

**AN ACT of Parliament to amend the Election Offences  
Act**

**ENACTED** by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Election Offences  
(Amendment) Act, 2024.

Short title.

**2.** Section 6 of the Election Offences Act is amended

Amendment of  
section 6 of No.  
37 of 2016.

—  
(a) in paragraph (h), by inserting the words “or  
unreasonably delays” immediately after the word  
“fails”;

(b) by inserting the following new paragraphs  
immediately after paragraph (m) —

(n) conducts or holds an election in an  
ungazetted polling station;

(o) knowingly or intentionally interferes,  
alters or knowingly or intentionally  
causes another person to interfere or  
alter declared results;

**MEMORANDUM ON OBJECTS AND REASONS****Statement of objects and reasons**

The principal object of this Bill is to amend section 6 of the Election Offences Act, 2016.

**Clause 1** sets out the short title of the Bill.

**Clause 2** of the Bill amend section 6 of the Act to provide that it shall be an offence for members and staff of the Independent Election and Boundaries Commission to conduct or hold an election in ungazetted polling station. Further, the Clause creates offences for members and staff of the Commission who unreasonably delay in declaring elections results or knowingly alter declared election results.

**Statement on the delegation of legislative powers and limitation of fundamental rights and freedoms**

The Bill does not delegate legislative powers nor does it limit any fundamental rights and freedoms.

**Statement that the Bill concerns county governments**

This is a Bill concerning county governments in terms of Article 110(1) of the Constitution.

**Statement that the Bill is a money Bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution**

The Bill is not a money Bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution.

Dated the 6th March, 2024.

AARON CHERUIYOT,  
*Senate Majority Leader.*

STEWARTS MADZAYO,  
*Senate Minority Leader.*

*Section 6 of No. 37 of 2016 which it is proposed to be amended—*

**6. Offences by members and staff of the Commission**

A member of the Commission, staff or other person having any duty to perform pursuant to any written law relating to any election who—

- (a) makes, in any record, return or other document which they are required to keep or make under such written law, an entry which they know or have reasonable cause to believe to be false, or do not believe to be true;
- (b) permits any person whom they know or have reasonable cause to believe to be able to read or write to vote in the manner provided for persons unable to read or write;
- (c) permits any person whom they know or have reasonable cause to believe not to be visually impaired or a person with disability to vote in the manner provided for persons who are visually impaired or persons with disability, as the case may be;
- (d) wilfully prevents any person from voting at the polling station at which they know or have reasonable cause to believe such person is entitled to vote;
- (e) wilfully rejects or refuses to count any ballot paper which they know or have reasonable cause to believe is validly cast for any candidate in accordance with the provisions of such written law;
- (f) wilfully counts any ballot paper as being cast for any candidate which they know or have reasonable cause to believe was not validly cast for that candidate;
- (g) interferes with a voter in the casting of his vote in secret;
- (h) where required under the Elections Act (No. 24 of 2011) or any other law to declare the result of an election, fails to declare the results of an election;
- (i) except in the case of a member, officer or person authorised to do so, purports to make a formal declaration or formal announcement of an election result;
- (j) without reasonable cause does or omits to do anything in breach of his official duty;
- (k) colludes with any political party or candidate for purposes of giving an undue advantage to the political party or candidate;

- (l) wilfully contravenes the law to give undue advantage to a candidate or a political party on partisan, ethnic, religious, gender or any other unlawful considerations; or
- (m) fails to prevent or report to the Commission or any other relevant authority, the commission of an electoral offence committed under this Act,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding two million shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both.