

**THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL**  
(No. XXIII of 2011)

**Explanatory Memorandum**

The object of this Bill is to amend the Constitution to provide for a minimum number of candidates for election to local authorities to be of a particular sex, with a view to ensuring adequate representation of each sex on a local authority.

2. The opportunity has been taken to amend the relevant definitions in the Constitution, in the light of the provisions of the Local Government Bill.

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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

*Clause*

1. Short title
2. Section 16 of Constitution amended
3. Section 111 of Constitution amended

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**A BILL**

**To amend the Constitution of Mauritius**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows –

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) Act 2011.

**2. Section 16 of Constitution amended**

Section 16 of the Constitution is amended, in subsection (4), by inserting, after paragraph (a), the following new paragraph –

- (aa) for a minimum number of candidates for election to local authorities to be of a particular sex, with a view to ensuring adequate representation of each sex on a local authority;

**3. Section 111 of Constitution amended**

Section 111 of the Constitution is amended, in subsection (1) –

- (a) by deleting the definition of “local authority” and replacing it by the following definition –

“local authority” means –

- (a) the Municipal Council of any city or town;
  - (b) the District Council of any district;
  - (c) the Rodrigues Town Council of Port Mathurin;
  - (d) the Village Council of any village; or
  - (e) any new local authority created under section 8 of the Local Government Act 2011;
- (b) in the definition of “local government officer”, by deleting the words “Mayor, Chairman” and replacing them by the words “Lord Mayor, Mayor, Chairperson”.
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