

**ACTS SUPPLEMENT**

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**Act 9**                      *National Youth Council (Amendment) Act*                      **2010**

THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2010.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

*Section.*

1. Amendment of Cap. 319.
2. Insertion of new sections 6A and 6B.
3. Insertion of new section 9A.
4. Replacement of section 27.

**THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) ACT,  
2010.**

**An Act to amend the National Youth Council Act to provide for membership of a village youth council; to empower the Electoral Commission to designate a time period for registration of prospective voters for the youth council elections and to maintain the voters register at village and parish level.**

DATE OF ASSENT: 5th June, 2010.

*Date of Commencement:* 25th June, 2010.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

**1. Amendment of Cap. 319.**

The National Youth Council Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act is amended in section 6—

(a) by substituting for subsection (1) the following—

“(1) A village youth council shall consist of youths who reside in the village and who are willing to be members of the village youth council.”;

(b) by inserting immediately after subsection(1) the following—

“(la) Without prejudice to subsection (1), a person who is not a citizen of Uganda shall not be a member of a youth council.

(lb) The decisions of a village youth council shall be binding on all the youths in a village.”

**2. Insertion of new sections 6A and 6B.**

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 6 the following—

**“6A. Electoral Commission to designate period for registration**

The Electoral Commission shall—

(a) by statutory instrument designate a time period for registering youths to participate in a youth council election at all levels;

(b) compile, maintain, revise and update a voters register for the youth council at the village and the parish level;

(c) by statutory instrument designate a period for updating the voter’s register for a youth council election.

**6B. Electoral Commission to settle disputes**

The powers of the Electoral Commission to settle disputes as provided in section 15 of the Electoral Commission Act shall with the necessary modifications apply to youth council elections”.

**3. Insertion of new section 9A.**

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 9 the following—

**“9A. Sponsorship of a candidate by a political organisation or a political party**

Under the multi party political system, nomination of candidates may be made by a political organisation or a political party sponsoring a candidate or by a candidate standing for election as an independent candidate without being sponsored by a political party or a political organisation.”

**4. Replacement of section 27**

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 27 the following—

**“27. Regulations**

(1) The Minister may, after consultation with the council, by statutory instrument, make regulations for better carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), the Minister shall after consultation with the council, make regulations for the implementation of the provisions of this Act regarding election of members of the council.

(3) Without prejudice to subsection (1), the Minister may, prescribe as penalties for contravention of regulations made under that subsection—

- (a) a fine not exceeding seventy two currency points or imprisonment not exceeding three years or both;
- (b) a daily fine not exceeding five currency points for each day on which the contravention continues; and
- (c) disqualification for a period not exceeding five years from the date of the conviction from holding an office on a youth committee or being a member of any youth council other than a cell or village women’s council”.