



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
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**TWENTY SECOND AMENDMENT
TO THE CONSTITUTION**

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution.

Short title

2. Article 107 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as the “Constitution”) is hereby amended by the repeal of paragraph (5) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph:-

Amendment of
Article 107 of the
Constitution of
the Democratic
Socialist
Republic of
Sri Lanka

“(5) The age of retirement of Judges of the Supreme Court shall be sixty-seven years and of Judges of the Court of Appeal shall be sixty-five years:

Provided however, the date of retirement of the Chief Justice shall be either the date on which the Chief Justice attains the age of sixty-seven years or the date on which a period of six years is completed from the date of appointment as the Chief Justice, whichever occurs earlier:

Provided further, that the term limit of six years set out in the first proviso shall not apply to any person holding the office of Chief Justice as at the date of coming into operation of this Act.”.

3. Article 137 of the Constitution is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “not more than nineteen other Judges” of the words “not more than twenty four other Judges” .

Amendment of
Article 137 of the
Constitution

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Sinhala text to
prevail in case of
inconsistency

4. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

