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AN ACT TO AMEND THE JUDICATURE ACT, NO. 2 OF 1978

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

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| <p>1. This Act may be cited as the Judicature (Amendment) Act, No. 23 of 2026.</p> | <p>Short title</p> |
| <p>2. Section 4 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended, in paragraph (a) thereof, by the substitution for the words “not more than one hundred and ten judges”, of the words “not more than one hundred and twenty Judges”.</p> | <p>Amendment of section 4 of Act, No. 2 of 1978</p> |
| <p>3. Section 6 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-</p> <p>(1) in subsection (3) thereof, by the substitution for the words “sixty-one years” of the words “sixty-three years”; and</p> <p>(2) by the repeal of subsection (4) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following subsection:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public and Judicial Officers (Retirement) Ordinance (Chapter 355), the age of retirement of all other Judges and Magistrates shall be sixty-two years.”.</p> | <p>Amendment of section 6 of the principal enactment</p> |
| <p>4. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.</p> | <p>Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency</p> |

