

# ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1984

No. 16



of 1984

## ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

### SECTION

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 51 of Cap. 02:07

### **An Act to amend the Electoral Act**

*Date of Assent: 30.4.84.*

*Date of Commencement: 4.5.84.*

**ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.**

1. This Act may be cited as the Electoral (Amendment) Act, 1984. Short title

2. Section 51 of the Electoral Act is hereby amended by substituting for paragraph (b) thereof the following new paragraph — Amendment  
of section  
51 of  
Cap. 02:07

“(b) the presiding officer, after satisfying himself —

- (i) that the name of such voter appears on his copy of the election roll for that constituency and in the section thereof relating to that polling station;
- (ii) that such voter has not already voted at that election; and
- (iii) that such voter has not become disqualified from voting,

shall ask the voter to immerse a thumb up to at least the whole of the exposed nail in the ink provided by the presiding officer and shall immediately thereafter, subject to the provisions of paragraph (c), deliver to the voter a ballot envelope and such number of counters as there are candidates for election, each counter having the voting colour of a particular candidate:

**Provided that:**

- (i) in the case of a voter without a thumb, such a voter shall immerse a finger up to at least the whole of the exposed nail;
- (ii) in the case of a voter without any thumb or finger, the provisions of this paragraph relating to the immersing of a thumb in ink shall not apply;”.

**PASSED** by the National Assembly this 12th day of April, 1984.

**G.M. BASELE,**  
*Acting Clerk of the National Assembly.*