

# CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2003



No. 1

of 2004

## ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

### SECTION

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 13 of Cap. 01:01
3. Amendment of section 15 of the Act
4. Amendment of section 18 of the Act

### **An Act to amend the Citizenship Act**

*Date of Assent:* 21st January, 2004.

*Date of commencement:* On publication.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

1. This Act may be cited as the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2003,
2. The Citizenship Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") is amended in section 13 thereof by deleting therefrom, subsection 1 (b). Short title  
Amendment  
of section 13  
of Cap. 01:01
3. The Act is amended in section 15 thereof by inserting, therein, the following new subsections — Amendment  
of section 15  
of the Act
  - (2) Any person who, being 21 years of age or above, acquires the citizenship of another country by a voluntary and formal act, shall cease to be a citizen of Botswana.
  - (3) A citizen who has acquired the citizenship of another country as a consequence of marriage shall, upon renouncing such citizenship and applying to resume citizenship of Botswana, be re-instated as a citizen of Botswana.
  - (4) Where the law of the country of a citizen's spouse requires that the foreign spouse of its citizen should be registered as a citizen of that country, or the law of that country automatically confers citizenship on the foreign spouse of its citizen, a citizen of Botswana shall not cease to be a citizen of Botswana —

- (a) if he or she does not, by a voluntary and formal act, acquire the citizenship of his or her spouse's country notwithstanding the requirement of registration; or
- (b) if, after contracting marriage, he or she continues to live in Botswana."

Amendment  
of section 18  
of the Act

4. The Act is amended in section 18 thereof by repealing paragraph (a) thereof.

PASSED by the National Assembly this 9th day of December, 2003.

A. MATLHAKU,  
*Clerk of the National Assembly.*