

**A BILL  
Entitled**

**AN ACT to amend the Citizenship Act (Cap 188)**

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: -

10.2.02

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1. This Act may be cited as the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2002, and shall be read and construed as one with the Citizenship Act (Cap 188), hereinafter referred to as the "principal law".

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2. In Section 21 of the principal law there shall be added at the end the following new paragraph (e):

"(e) shall include a declaration whether the applicant is resident in Malta or not and in case of a holder of a valid identity card, the applicant must state his identity card number."

2.10.02

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3. For Section 25 of the principal law there shall be substituted the following new section 25:

"25.(1) Not later than fifteen days after the end of every quarter the Minister shall cause to be published in the Government Gazette a list containing the name and surname, identity card number (where applicable), country of residence and full address of all the persons who shall have become citizens of Malta by registration or by naturalisation, and a similar list of persons who shall have renounced or been deprived of the citizenship, during the immediately preceding quarter.

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(2) Every six months, the Minister shall cause to be published in the Government Gazette a list of all persons registered as Maltese citizens under the provisions of this Act. The list shall be published with the same information as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section, and shall be published in March and September of every year, the contents of which shall be correct as at the end of February and August respectively.

(3) For the purposes of Section 25(1), "quarter" means any period of three calendar months beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> July, or 1<sup>st</sup> October of any year.

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## OBJECTS AND REASONS

The amendments of this bill are intended to keep track of those who, although Maltese citizens, are not resident in Malta and would not qualify as voters under Section 57 of the Constitution.

## ABBOZZ TA' LIGI

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*Att biex jemenda l-Att dwar l-Elezzjonijiet Generali -Kap 354*

IL-PRESIDENT, bil-parir u l-kunsens tal-Kamra tad-Deputati, imlaqqgħa f'dan il-Parlament, u bl-awtorita' ta' l-istess, hareg b'ligi dan li gej:

1. Dan l-Att jissejjah l-Att tal-2002 biex jemenda l-Att dwar ic-Cittadinanza (Kap 188), u għandu jinqara u jiftiehem bħala haga wahda mal-Att dwar ic-Cittadinanza (Kap 188), hawnhekk iżjed 'il quddiem imsejjah il-ligi principali.

2. Fl-artiklu 21 tal-ligi principali għandu jizjed fi-ahhar tiegħu l-paragrafu (e) għid li gej:

"(e) u għandu jkun hemm dikjarazzjoni jekk l-applikant hux residenti Malta jew le u fil-kaz ta' persuna li għandha karta tal-identita' valid, l-applikant għandu jagħti wkoll in-numru tal-karta tal-identita' tiegħu."

3. Minflok l-artiklu 25 tal-ligi principali għandu jidhol minflok l-artiklu 25 li gej :

"25.(1) Mhux aktar tard minn hmistax- il jum wara l-ahhar ta' kull tlett xhur il-Ministru għandu jippubblika fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern lista bl-ismijiet u l-kunjomijiet, in-numru tal-karta tal-identita' (jekk ikun il-kaz), il-pajjiz fejn jgħix u l-indirizz shih tal-persuni li jkun saru cittadini ta' Malta b'registrazzjoni jew naturalizzazzjoni, u lista bħal din tal-persuni li jkunu rrinunzjaw jew tnehitilhom ic-cittadinanza, fit-tlett xhur li jkunu għadhom kemm għadew.

(2) Kull sitt xhur, il-Ministru għandu jippubblika lista shiha tal-persuni kollha li jkunu registrati bħala cittadini taht il-provvedimenti ta' dan l-Att. Il-lista għandu jkun fiha l-informazzjoni msemmija fis-subartiklu (1) ta' dan l-artiklu, u għandha tkun pubblikata f'Marzu u Settembru ta' kull sena, u l-kontenut tagħha għandu juri l-qagħda sal-ahhar ta' Frar u ta' Awissu rispettivament.

(3) Għall-ghanijiet tal-artiklu 25(1), "tlett xhur t'fisser" kull perijodu ta' tlett xhur skond il-kalendarju li jingħaddu bħala bidu mill-1 ta' Jannar, l-1 ta' April, l-1 ta' Lulju, u l-1 ta' Ottubru tal-kull sena.

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### Ghanijiet u Ragunijiet

Il-hsieb wara dawn l-emendi huwa li jkun hemm informazzjoni bizzejjed dwar persuni, li ghalkemm cittadini Maltin, mhumiex residenti Malta u ghalhekk ma jikkwalifikawx bhala eletturi skond l-Artiklu 57 tal-Kostituzzjoni.