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CONTENT

Bill for Introduction into the National Assembly—

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THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

A Bill for

AN ACT of Parliament to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya as follows—

1. This Act may be cited as the Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Act, 2024. Short title.

2. Section 5 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act is amended by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (1)— Amendment of section 5 of Cap. 149.

(1A). The Cabinet Secretary shall appoint at least one registration area in each constituency.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Statement of objects and reasons for the Bill

The principal object of this Bill is to provide that the Cabinet Secretary shall establish at least one births and deaths registration office in each constituency. Currently there are only one hundred and forty-three (143) births and deaths registration centres in the country and therefore this service may not be reasonably accessible to all parts of the country as required by Article 6 (3) of the Constitution.

Statement on the delegation of legislative powers and limitation of fundamental rights and freedoms

The Bill neither delegates legislative powers nor does it contain provisions limiting fundamental rights and freedoms.

Statement on whether the Bill concerns county governments

This Bill is not a Bill concerning county governments in terms of Article 110 (1) (a) of the Constitution.

Statement as to whether the Bill is a money Bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution

The enactment of this Bill may occasion additional expenditure of public funds to be provided for in the estimates.

Dated the 25th June, 2024.

MARTHA WANGARI,
Member of Parliament.

Section 5 of the principal Act which it is proposed to amend –

Appointment of registration areas and registrars

5. (1) The Cabinet secretary may, by notice in the Gazette, appoint any area to be a registration area for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Cabinet Secretary may appoint fit and proper persons to be the registrars and deputy registrars for each registration area and a fit and proper person to be the registrar of births and deaths occurring outside Kenya.