

# Constitutional Law

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## A. LEGISLATION

The constitution was amended in 1992 by the Constitution (Amendment) Act 1992 (Act A837) whereby changes were made to (i) the composition of the House of Representatives, (ii) the position of the Clerks of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, and (iii) the application of the Parliamentary Service Act 1963 to members of the staff of Parliament.

Article 46 of the Federal Constitution was amended to increase the number of elected members of the House of Representatives from 180 to 192. Section 3 of Act A837 states that subject to the provisions of clause (2) of Article 113 relating to the intervals at which reviews are to be undertaken pursuant to that clause, the Election Commission shall, as soon as may be practicable after the publication of this Act in the *Gazette*, undertake the review referred to in clause (3A) of Article 113 or, if any review under clause (2) of that Article had already commenced before such publication, continue with the review, and recommend such changes as it may think necessary in order to comply with the provisions of Article 46 as amended by section 2 of Act A837 and of the Thirteenth Schedule to the Federal Constitution. Section 4 of Act A837 states that Article 46 as amended by section 2 of Act A837 shall not affect the composition of the House of Representatives or any election