

THE USHERS (AMENDMENT) BILL
(No. X of 2006)

Explanatory Memorandum

The object of this Bill is to amend the Ushers Act in order to provide for new qualifications for, and the restyling of, the office of usher in the light of the recommendations of the Pay Research Bureau Report 2003.

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A BILL

To amend the Ushers Act

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows -

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Ushers (Amendment) Act 2006.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Ushers Act.

3. Principal Act amended

The principal Act is amended by deleting the words “An usher”, “an usher”, “usher”, “Ushers” and “ushers”, wherever they appear and replacing them by the words “A Court Usher”, “a Court Usher”, “Court Usher”, “Court Ushers” and “Court Ushers”, respectively.

4. New section 1A added to principal Act

The principal Act is amended by adding immediately after section 1, the following new section –

1A. Interpretation

In this Act –

“Court Usher” means an usher of a Court whose appointment is notified in the *Gazette* under section 2.

5. Section 3 of principal Act amended

Section 3 of the principal Act is amended –

(a) by deleting paragraph (b); and

(b) by deleting paragraph (c) and replacing it by the following paragraph –

(c) he holds such qualifications as may be specified in a scheme of service approved by the Public Service Commission;

6. Section 22 of principal Act amended

Section 22 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (3)(a), by deleting the words “Chief Usher” and replacing them by the words “Chief Court Usher”.

7. Consequential amendment

The Ushers Rules 1953 are amended by deleting the words “An usher”, “an usher”, “usher”, “Ushers”, “ushers”, “Chief Usher” and “Senior Usher” wherever they appear and replacing them by the words “A Court Usher”, “a Court Usher”, “Court Usher”, “Court Ushers”, “Court Ushers”, “Chief Court Usher” and “Chief Court Usher”, respectively.

8. Savings

Any person who, at the commencement of this Act, held the office of usher shall continue to be in office and be deemed to be duly qualified under section 3 of the principal Act.