

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



No. 11 OF 1996

I ASSENT,
Benjamin W. Mkandawire
President
17th June, 1996.

An Act to amend the Political Parties Act and for connected matters.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania.

1. This Act may be cited as the Political Parties (Amendment) Act, 1996 and shall be read as one with the Political Parties Act, 1992, in this Act referred to as "the Act."

Short title
and Con-
struction
Act No. 5
of 1992

2. Sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Act are hereby repealed and replaced by the following—

Repeal
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of sections
16, 17 and
18

"Grant of,
and party
qualifica-
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16.—(1) The Government shall, subject to section 17 of this Act, disburse up to not more than two *per centum* of the annual recurrent budget, less the amount payable in defraying the national debt, in the grant of subventions to political parties in pursuance of the provisions of this Act.

(2) The Government shall, in addition to the subvention referred to in subsection (1), grant an annual subvention to every qualifying party in relation to its local government authority activities which shall be such an amount as the Minister may determine, and which shall be computed on the basis of the number of the members of a party who are members of a district or urban council.

(3) No party shall qualify for the grant to it of a subvention in accordance with this Act unless—

- (a) It is a party which is fully registered under this Act;
- (b) it has, in the immediately preceeding general or local government election, had any of its candidates elected to be a Member of Parliament or of a local government authority.

When,
how and
amount of
subven-
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granted

17.—(1) Subventions granted under this Act shall be disbursed to a qualifying party once in every financial year and in such instalments as the Minister may, considering the prevailing economic and financial conditions, determine.

(2) The fund disburseable pursuant to section 16(1) as subvention to qualifying parties shall be disbursed as follows:

- (a) fifty *per centum* of the funds shall be disbursed amongst qualifying parties on basis of the ratio between the number of parliamentary constituencies in the United Republic;
- (b) the other fifty *per centum* of the funds shall be disbursed amongst qualifying parties each of which won not less than five percentum of all the valid votes cast in all constituencies in the United Republic, and shall be disbursed amongst those parties on the basis of the ratio between the total number of valid votes cast for the parliamentary candidates of a party and the total number of all the valid votes cast in the parliamentary election for all the qualifying parties."

Applica-
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18.—(1) Subventions granted to a party may be spent only on—

- (a) the parliamentary activities of a party;
- (b) the Civic activities of a party;
- (c) any lawful activity relating to an election in which a party nominates a candidate;
- (d) any other necessary or reasonable requirement of a party;

(2) Subvention granted to a political party shall be accounted for to the Registrar, separately from the accounting for other funds of the party.

(3) Any party which fails or neglects to account for subvention in accordance with this Act, shall forfeit the right to any subsequent subvention due to the party in accordance with this Act.

(4) Where the Registrar is for any reasonable cause, dissatisfied with any account of subvention submitted by any party, so much of the subvention which has not been accounted for or has not been accounted for satisfactorily, shall be deducted from any subsequent subvention due to the party.

(5) If by reason of failure to submit an account or for any other reason, the Registrar has reason to suspect that any offence under the Penal Code may have been committed in relation to the money which has not been accounted for, he may make a report to a police station, and the officer in charge of that police station shall cause the matter to be investigated."

3. Section 22 of the Act is amended in subsection (2), by deleting paragraph (g) and substituting for it the following:—

Amend-
ment of
section 22

"(g) prescribing the manner in which subvention granted to a party may be accounted for".

Passed in the National Assembly on the 25th April, 1996.


Clerk of the National Assembly