

CHAPTER XII

THE REFERENDUM

103. (1) The President shall submit to the People by Referendum every Bill or any provision in any Bill referred to in Article 101 or which the Cabinet of Ministers has certified as being intended to be submitted to the People at a Referendum, or which the Supreme Court has determined as requiring the approval of the People at a Referendum, if the number of votes cast in favour of such Bill amounts to not less than two-thirds of the whole number of Members (including those not present).

Submission of Bills to People by Referendum.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this Article, any Bill or any provision in any Bill submitted to the People at a Referendum shall be deemed to be approved by the People if approved by a majority of the valid votes cast at such Referendum.

(3) Where the total number of valid votes cast at a Referendum conducted under this Article does not exceed two-thirds of the whole number of electors entered in the register of electors, such Bill shall be deemed to be approved by the People only if approved by not less than one third of the whole number of such electors.

104. The President may, subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of Article 103, submit to the People at a Referendum any matter, which in the opinion of the President is of national importance.

Submission of matters of national importance to People by Referendum.

105. (1) Every Referendum shall be conducted by the Elections Commission and the Commissioner-General of Elections shall communicate the result thereof to the President.

Parliament to provide for procedure.

(2) Parliament shall by law provide for all matters relating to the procedure for the submission of Bills and of matters of national importance to the People by Referenda, the register of electors to be used at a Referendum, the creation of offences relating thereto and the punishment therefor, and all other matters necessary or incidental thereto, and until Parliament so provides, the provisions of the Referendum Act, No. 7 of 1981 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply.