

CONSTITUTION

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CHAPTER VI

THE LEGISLATURE

Section 56 - The right to regulate procedure 6 of 1995 4 of 2001 13 of 2001

56.— (1) Subject to this Constitution, the National Assembly, may by Standing Order or otherwise regulate its own procedure.

(2) Save as otherwise provided in this Constitution, the National Assembly may act unless more than two-thirds of all the seats of the National Assembly are vacant.

(3) The presence or participation of any person not entitled to be present or to participate in the proceedings of the National Assembly shall not invalidate those proceedings.

(4) The National Assembly shall provide access to the press and members of the public, except where a motion is passed with reasons prohibiting public access in the national interest.

(5) The proceedings of Parliament shall be conducted in the English language and such other languages as the National Assembly may prescribe.

(6) Parliament may establish any committees of its members and may form joint committees for the scrutiny of legislation and performance of other functions, except voting on motions and Bills.

(7) In addition to any committee appointed under subsection (6), there shall be a Public Appointments Committee, a Budget Committee and a Legal Affairs Committee of the National Assembly which shall each—

- (a)** be appointed by the National Assembly with proportionate representation from all parties represented in the National Assembly;
- (b)** be appointed within thirty days of the first sitting of the National Assembly after a general election and thereafter annually; and
- (c) perform such functions as are conferred on them by this Constitution or by an Act or resolution of Parliament or by the Standing Orders of Parliament.