

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET  
BY THE HON. THE PRIME MINISTER

Publication of the Revised  
Electoral Register

Sub-section (3) of section 33 of the Electoral (Franchise, Method of Election and Registration of Voters) Ordinance states as follows:-

" (3) The Electoral Registrar shall cause a revised electoral register to be published in the Government Gazette twice a year, that is to say, in the month of April and in the month of October. Such register shall contain all corrections, additions, transfers and cancellations as on the thirty-first day of March or, as the case may be, on the thirtieth day of September immediately preceding the publication thereof. The provisions of sections 8, 26, 28 and 29 of this Ordinance shall apply in respect of any revised electoral register so published."

2. The recent election has made it difficult for the Chief Electoral Commissioner to be able to publish the April 1966 edition of the revised electoral register as required by law and he has therefore requested that the necessary legislative steps be taken to dispense him from this obligation. The net result of all this would, of course, be that during this year the revised electoral register will only be published once and that during next October.

3. Honourable Ministers may wish to agree that the attached draft Bill be presented before Parliament in order that it may be passed by the end of this month.

12th April, 1966.

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entitled

AN ACT to make provision for the publication of only one revised electoral register for the year 1966.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives of Malta, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Electoral (Franchise, Method of Election and Registration of Voters) (Temporary Provision) Act, 1966.

2. Sub-section (3) of section 33 of the Electoral (Franchise, Method of Election and Registration of Voters) Ordinance, shall have effect for the year 1966 as if the words "twice a year, that is to say in the month of April and" and the words "on the thirty-first day of March, or as the case may be," were deleted.

Objects and Reasons

This Bill provides for the publication of only one revised electoral register for the year 1966.