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On 27 April 2010, Parliament passed amendments to the Parliamentary Elections Act (PEA) and Presidential Elections Act (PrEA). Key changes to the PEA include:

- setting the minimum number of Opposition MPs (elected MPs plus NCMPs) in Parliament at 9;
- introducing a Cooling-off day on the eve of Polling Day;
- refining and liberalizing rules on Internet election advertising;
- introducing contingency measures into the electoral system in order to deal with unexpected situations;
- streamlining election spending rules; and
- updating offences and maximum penalties in PEA.

Similar changes on Cooling-off day, Internet election advertising rules and election contingencies were made to the PrEA.

View Law Minister, K Shanmugam's [speech on the PEA bill](#) and the [speech on the PrEA bill](#) at Parliament for details.