

Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2025 gazetted today

â€‹The Government today (March 21) published in the Gazette the Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2025 to make amendments to the prevailing electoral laws to ensure the smooth conduct of two important elections to be held later this year, namely the 2025 Election Committee Subsector (ECSS) By-elections and the 2025 Legislative Council (LegCo) General Election (LCGE).

The Bill mainly seeks to introduce adjustments regarding the delineation of geographical constituencies of the LCGE; empower the Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC) the use of counting machines in the counting work for the LegCo functional constituencies elections and consolidate ballot paper accounts for relevant constituencies; and to improve the arrangements for the publication of the ECSS registers.

A Government spokesperson said, "The Chief Executive announced on March 18 that the date of polling for this year's LCGE will be on December 7 (Sunday), and that the date for the ECSS by-elections will be on September 7 (Sunday)."

The spokesperson added, "The Government will continue to liaise closely with the EAC, and actively prepare for the two aforesaid elections according to the relevant electoral legislation and actual circumstances to ensure that the elections are conducted smoothly in a fair, just, honest, safe and orderly manner. Details of the electoral arrangements will be announced separately later this year."

The Bill will be introduced into the LegCo for first reading on March 26.