

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



No. 24 OF 1970

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*Julius K. Nyerere*  
President

25TH JULY, 1970

**An Act to reduce the Age of Majority for the purposes of Citizenship Laws from twenty-one years to eighteen years**

[25TH JULY, 1970]

ENACTED by the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania.

1. This Act may be cited as the Age of Majority (Citizenship Laws) Short title Act, 1970.

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

“citizenship laws” means the Citizenship Ordinance and the Citizenship Act, 1961.

Interpreta-  
tion

Cap. 452  
Cap. 512

3.—(1) The citizenship laws are hereby amended by deleting the words “the age of twenty-one years”, “twenty-one years of age” and “the age of 21 years” wheresoever they occur in the said laws (including where they occur in any of the Schedules to those laws), and substituting therefor in each case the words “the age of eighteen years”.

Amendment  
of citizen-  
ship laws

(2) The Citizenship Ordinance is amended in subsection (3) of section 2 by deleting the words “Notwithstanding the provisions of the Age of Majority Ordinance, a person shall”, which occur at the beginning of that subsection and substituting therefor the words “A person shall,”; and is further amended by deleting the marginal reference “Cap. 431”.

(3) The Citizenship Ordinance is amended in section 2 by adding the following subsection immediately below subsection (6):—

“(7) In this Ordinance references to “the Constitution” shall be construed as references to the Citizenship Act, 1961.”.

Cap. 512

(4) Section 6 of the Citizenship Act, 1961 is amended in subsection (6)—

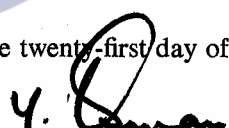
- (a) by deleting the words “the age of twenty-two years” where they occur in the second line and where they again occur in the sixth and seventh lines of paragraph (a) and substituting therefor in each case the words “the age of nineteen years”;
- (b) by deleting the words “section 23, of the Citizenship Ordinance,” where they occur in the second and third lines of paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the words “section 25 of the Citizenship Ordinance.”

Transitional provisions

4.—(1) Where by virtue of the amendments made to the citizenship laws by this Act, any person who has attained the age of eighteen years before the coming into operation of this Act but has not, on the date on which this Act comes into operation, attained the age of twenty-one years, and who has ceased or will cease to be a citizen of the United Republic by reason of his having failed to do or by reason of his failing to do any act or thing before the expiration of the time within which such act or thing is required to be done by the citizenship laws, such person shall, notwithstanding the provisions of the citizenship laws as amended by this Act, be deemed not to have ceased to be a citizen of the United Republic or, as the case may be, shall not cease to be a citizen of the United Republic, by reason only of his having failed or of failing to do any such act or thing within such time if such act or thing is done before the first day of July, 1971 or before such person attains the age of nineteen years, whichever is the latter.

(2) Where any such person attains the age of twenty-one years on, or at any time within twelve months after, the date on which this Act comes into operation, or where any such person attained the age of twenty-one years at any time within twelve months immediately preceding the date on which this Act comes into operation, the citizenship laws shall have effect in relation to such persons as if the provisions of subsection (1) of section 3 and the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 3 of this Act had not been amended.

Passed in the National Assembly on the twenty-first day of July, 1970.

  
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Acting Clerk of the National Assembly