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**Exercise of Political Rights – Revision of Sub Section 2:3:2,**  
**Chapter XXXII of the Establishments Code**

Your attention is drawn to Section 1 of the Public Administration Circular 1/89(II) dated 25.08.1991 issued revising the sub section 2:3:2, Chapter XXXII of the Establishments Code.

02. The Cabinet of Ministers has decided at its meeting held on 14.01.2019 to revise the provisions regarding the leave of the Public Officers entitled to political rights who intends to stand as a candidate for an election/ poll.

03. Accordingly, the sub section 2:3:2 of Chapter XXXII of the Establishments Code is revised with the inclusion of new sub section 2:3:2:1 as follows.

2:3:2:1 However, at such occasions where nominations are called near the end of a certain year and the election/ poll is held in the coming year, a period in the year in which the election/ poll is held, which is not covered by the normal leave of the previous year, if any, can be covered by the casual leave entitled to them in the year, in which the election/ poll is held.

04. These provisions shall be effective for the elections/ polls held from 14.01.2019 onwards.

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