



**St Helena
Government**

ST HELENA GOVERNMENT

**ELECTIONS
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021**



ST HELENA

A BILL

FOR

AN ORDINANCE

to amend the Elections Ordinance, 2009, to revise section 4(2); and for incidental and connected purposes.

Enacted by the Governor of St Helena with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of St Helena.

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Elections (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021.

Amendment of section 4 - Eligibility to be registered as elector

2. Section 4 of the Elections Ordinance, 2009, is amended by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection—

“(2) A person is deemed to satisfy subsection (1)(c) and subject to subsection (2A), may be registered as an elector if, on the date that the person applies to be registered as an elector, the person makes a declaration in the prescribed form that the person is ordinarily resident in St Helena and is away from St Helena for the purpose of employment, education, or training (of the person or the person’s spouse or life partner) or for the purpose of medical treatment (of the person or the person’s spouse or life partner or a dependant of the person).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

This amendment clarifies an anomaly regarding the interpretation and application of section 4 so that a person who is absent from St Helena at the time of applying for registration is deemed to be present as prescribed and may be registered as an elector.

