

## FILLING OF VACANT SEATS

### According Section 97 of the Constitution

- (1) Where any person vacates a seat as a Senator for any reason other than a dissolution of Parliament-
  - (a) The King shall appoint a person; or
  - (b) The House shall elect a person, to fill the vacancy under the same provisions of section 94 as the person whose seat has become vacant was appointed or elected.
- (2) Where any person vacates a seat as a member of the House for any reason other than a dissolution of parliament, the King shall-
  - (a) Appoint another member; or
  - (b) Issue a writ for the election of a member, to fill the vacancy under the same provisions of section 95 as the member whose seat has become vacant was nominated and elected.
- (3) Unless more than two vacancies occur in one chamber of Parliament, a casual vacancy as referred to in the subsection (1) or (2) shall not be filled under this section where parliament stands to be dissolved within a period of less than nine months.

