

# The First Amendment to the 1945 Constitution<sup>(1)</sup>

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## Article 5

- (1) The President shall be entitled to submit bills to the DPR.
- (2) The President may issue Government regulations as required to give effect to laws.

## Article 7

The President and Vice President shall hold office for a term of five years and may subsequently be reelected to the same office for one further term only.

## Article 9

(1) Prior to taking office, the President and Vice President shall swear an oath in accordance with their respective religions or shall make a solemn promise before the MPR or DPR. The oath or promise shall be as follows:

Presidential (Vice-Presidential) Oath:

"I swear before God that, to the best of my ability, I shall fulfil as justly as possible my duties as President (Vice-President) of the Republic of Indonesia, that I shall uphold faithfully the Constitution, conscientiously implement all statutes and regulations, and shall devote myself to the service of Country and Nation."

Presidential (Vice-Presidential) Promise:

"I solemnly promise that, to the best of my ability, I shall fulfil as justly as possible my duties as President (Vice-President) of the Republic of Indonesia, that I shall uphold faithfully the Constitution, conscientiously implement all statutes and regulations, and shall devote myself to the service of Country and Nation."

(2) In the event that the MPR or DPR is unable to convene a sitting, the President and Vice-President shall swear an oath or make a solemn promise before the leadership of the MPR witnessed by the leadership of the Supreme Court.

### **Article 13**

- (1) The President shall appoint ambassadors and consuls.
- (2) In the case of appointment of ambassadors, the President shall have regard to the opinion of the DPR.
- (3) The President shall receive the accreditation of ambassadors of other nations and shall in so doing have regard to the opinion of the DPR.

### **Article 14**

- (1) The President may grant clemency and restoration of rights and shall in so doing have regard to the opinion of the Supreme Court.
- (2) The President may grant amnesty and the dropping of charges and shall in so doing have regard to the opinion of the DPR.

### **Article 15**

The President may grant titles, decorations and other honours as provided by law.

## **Chapter V**

### **State Ministers**

#### **Article 17**

- (1) The President shall be assisted by State Ministers.
- (2) State Ministers shall be appointed and dismissed by the President.
- (3) Each State Minister shall be responsible for a particular area of Government activity.

#### **Article 20**

- (1) The DPR shall hold the authority to establish laws.
- (2) Each bill shall be discussed by the DPR and the President to reach joint approval.
- (3) If a bill fails to reach joint approval, that bill shall not be introduced again in the same DPR term of

sessions.

(2) The President signs a jointly approved bill to become a law.

### **Article 21**

The members of the DPR shall be entitled to submit proposals for draft laws.

1. Where the First Amendment only affected portions of an article, the remainder of the article from the original 1945 Constitution is also included.