



Women's Equal Rights Law (4th amendment), 2005*

Amendment for section 6c

1. In the Women's Equal Rights Law, 1951¹ (hereinafter – the main law), under section 6c –
 - a) Subsection (a1) – void;
 - b) Under subsection (c), in the definition for “Public Entity”, paragraph (5), after “of the Knesset”, it shall say “(under this law – the Committee for the promotion of Women's Rights)”.

Adding section 6c1

2. After section 6c of the main law, it shall say:

Fair representation on national committees and national policy design teams.

- a) In this section – “The Promotion of Women's Rights Authority law” – the Promotion of Women's Rights authority law, 1998²;
“The Authority” – the Promotion of Women's Rights authority as defined under the Promotion of Women's Rights Authority law;
“Public Committee” – a committee whose members include a public member;
“Team” – a committee or another entity set up to design national policy on any matter, including foreign affairs and defense, or for the purpose of preventing, managing, or solving domestic or international conflicts, including negotiations, including signing a temporary agreement or a peace contract.
- b) On public committees and teams appointed by the government, the prime minister, a minister, a deputy minister, or a general manager of a government ministry (in this section – the Appointing Entity), there shall be fair representation, as applicable, for women from various demographic segments.
- c) The Appointing Entity shall notify the Authority of any appointment of a public committee or a team upon such appointment and prior to the public committee or the team beginning their work; such notification is subject to the provisions under subsections (b) to (d) of section 7 of the Women's Rights Authority law, with any necessary changes.
- d) If the Authority is notified in accordance with subsection (c) and determines that such appointed public committee or team does not fairly represent women, as aforesaid in subsection (b), it shall immediately contact the Appointing Entity

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¹ 1951 code, page 248; 2005, page 528.

² 1998 code, page 171.

and specify its stance on the matter; if the Authority thusly contacts an Appointing Entity, the Authority shall also notify the Promotion of Women's Rights Committee of the results of any such inquiry.

- e) The Authority shall provide the Promotion of Women's Rights Committee a yearly report specifying any appointments of which the Authority has been notified in accordance with subsection (c), the Authority's stance regarding fair representation for each appointment, and the manner in which the Authority has been handling the matter.

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