

(Unofficial Translation)

**Announcement by the Council for Democratic Reform No. 18:
Amendment of the Royal Thai Police Act**

Whereas it is expedient to improve the administration of the Office of the Royal Thai Police to make it more independent and efficient in the performance of its duties, as well as to prevent political intervention in the initial judicial process, which will lead to more justice for the people as a whole. Be it, therefore, appropriate to amend the Royal Thai Police Act B.E. 2547 (2004), the Council for Democratic Reform declares as follows:

1. As of the date of this announcement, the Police Commission, in accordance with the Royal Thai Police Act B.E. 2547 (2004) shall consist of the following persons:

- (1) The Commissioner-General of Royal Thai Police as the Chairman of the Police Commission,
- (2) Two Police Inspectors-General or Deputy Commissioners-General of Royal Thai Police appointed by the Commissioner-General of Royal Thai Police,
- (3) Six eminent persons selected by the Chairman and members of the Police Commission aforementioned in (2).

The Commander of the Office of the Police Commission shall be appointed as member and secretary of the Police Commission and the Deputy Commander of the Office of the Police Commission appointed deputy secretary of the Police Commission

2. In discharging its duties in accordance with paragraph 1, Article 54, Article 55 and Article 57 of the Royal Thai Police Act B.E. 2547 (2004) that deal with making agreements and the granting of approvals shall not apply.

3. Actions already taken by the Police Commission, in accordance with the Royal Thai Police Act B.E. 2547 (2004), before the date of this announcement but are not yet completed and which affect the management of personnel and are within the authority of the Police Commission, shall fall within the purview of the Police Commission in paragraph 1 to consider proceeding on a case-by-case basis.

4. Members of the Police Commission before the date of this announcement shall vacate their seats on the Commission.

5. Amendments and improvements to the Royal Thai Police Act B.E. 2547 (2004) are to be completed within one year after this announcement comes into effect.

6. This announcement shall be revoked once amendments and improvements to the Royal Thai Police Act B.E. 2547 (2004) have been completed or once one year has elapsed since this announcement comes into effect.

This announcement shall become effective immediately.

Announced on 22 September B.E. 2549 (2006)
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