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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 262)

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

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| **1.** | This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities | Short title |

Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 30 of 2023.

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| **2.** | Section 28 of the Local Authorities Elections | | Amendment of section 28 of  Chapter 262 |
| Ordinance (Chapter 262) (hereinafter referred to as the“principal enactment”) is hereby amended as follows:- | | |
| (1) | in subsection (2) of that section- | |
| (*a*) | | by the substitution for the words, “shall consist |

of the number of candidates of whom” of the   
words, “shall consist of the number of   
candidates of whom not less than twenty-five   
*per centum* of the total number of candidates   
nominated in both the First Nomination Paper   
and the Additional Nomination Paper shall be   
youth candidates and of whom,”; and

(*b*) by the substitution for the words, “of such local   
 authority, substantially in the Forms set out in   
 the First Schedule, setting out the names-” of   
 the words, “of such local authority. The   
 nomination papers submitted by every   
 recognized political party or independent   
 group in respect of all wards of any local   
 authority shall be substantially in the Forms   
 set out in the First Schedule, setting out the   
 names-”;

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(2) by the repeal of subsection (2A) of that section and   
 the substitution therefor of the following   
 subsection:-

“(2A) The Commissioner shall by notice   
published in the *Gazette,* specify the minimum   
number of youth candidates to be nominated in   
total in both the First Nomination Paper and the   
Additional Nomination Paper and the minimum   
number of women candidates to be nominated in   
the First Nomination Paper and the Additional   
Nomination Paper as referred to in subsection (2),   
in respect of all wards of each local authority. Where-

(*a*) the total number of youth candidates to   
 be nominated is such that not less than   
 twenty-five *per centum* of the total number   
 of candidates nominated in both the First   
 Nomination Paper and the Additional   
 Nomination Paper; and

(*b*) the total number of women candidates to   
 be nominated is such that not less than ten   
 *per centum* of the total numbers of   
 members to be elected and returned in the   
 First Nomination Paper, and not less than   
 fifty *per centum* of the total number of   
 candidates nominated in the Additional   
 Nomination Paper,

would be an integer and fraction, the integer shall   
be deemed to be the number required for the purpose   
of this section.”;

(3) by the insertion immediately after subsection (2A)   
 thereof of the following new subsection:-

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“(2AA) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby   
declared that the total number of youth candidates   
referred to in paragraph (*a*) of subsection (2A) may   
include male candidates and female candidates.”; and

(4) by the repeal of subsections (2D) and (2E) of that   
 section.

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| **3.** Section 31 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of paragraph (*f*) of subsection (1) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph:- | Amendment of section 31 of the principal  enactment |

“(*f*) that does not contain the total number of women   
and youth candidates as required to be   
nominated under subsection (2A) of section 28   
of this Ordinance.”.

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| **4.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala | Sinhala text to  prevail in case  of inconsistency |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | |

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