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**SRI LANKA**

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**ELECTIONS (SPECIAL PROVISIONS)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to provide for the extention of the time period for presentation of an Election petition and increase of fines; and to amend the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262), the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981, the Presidential Elections Act, No. 15 of 1981 and the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidential thereto**

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AN ACTTOPROVIDEFORTHEEXTENTIONOFTHETIMEPERIODFOR PRESENTATIONOFANELECTIONPETITIONANDINCREASEOFFINES; AND TOAMENDTHE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 262), THEPARLIAMENTARYELECTIONSACT, NO. 1 OF 1981, THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS ACT, NO. 15 OF 1981 ANDTHE PROVINCIAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS ACT, NO. 2 OF 1988 ANDTO

PROVIDEFORMATTERSCONNECTEDTHEREWITHORINCIDENTIAL THERETO.

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

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| 5 | **1.**This Act may be cited as the Elections (Special Provisions) Act, No. ……. of 2023. | Short title |
| PART I |

AMENDMENTSTOTHE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 262)

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| 10 | **2.** The sections of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) (hereinafter in this Part referred to | Amendment of certain  sections of  Chapter 262 specified in the First  Schedule |
| as the “principal enactment”) specified in Column I of the |
| First Schedule hereto, are hereby amended by the substitution |
| for the words specified in the corresponding entry in Column |
| II, of the words specified in the corresponding entry in |
| 15 | Column III of that Schedule for the purpose of increase of | Amendment |
| fines specified in such sections. |
| **3.** Section 82AF of the principal enactment as last amended by Act No. 1 of 2002 is hereby further amended in subsection |
| 20 | of section |
| 82AF of the |
| (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words “within twenty- |
| principal |
| one days of the date of publication of the result of the |
| enactment |
| election in the *Gazette*:”, of the words “within forty-two |
| days of the date of publication of the result of the election in |
| the *Gazette:*”. |

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PART II

AMENDMENTSTOTHE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS   
ACT, NO. 1 OF 1981

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| 5 | **4.** The sections of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 | Amendment |
| of certain |
| of 1981 (hereinafter in this Part referred to as the “principal |
| sections of |
| enactment”) specified in Column I of the Second Schedule |
| Act, No. 1 of |
| 10 | hereto, are hereby amended by the substitution for the words | 1981 |
| specified in |
| specified in the corresponding entry in Column II, of the |
| the Second |
| words specified in the corresponding entry in Column III of | Schedule |
| that Schedule for the purpose of increase of fines specified |

in such sections.

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| 15 | **5.** Section 108 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of section  108 of the  principal  enactment |
| amended in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for |
| the words “within twenty-one days of the date of publication |
| of the result of the election in the *Gazette*:”, of the words |

“within forty-two days of the date of publication of the result of the election in the *Gazette*:”.

PART III

AMENDMENTSTOTHE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

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| 20 | ACT, NO. 15 OF 1981 | Amendment |
| 25 | **6.** The Sections of the Presidential Elections Act, No. 15 |
| of certain |
| of 1981 (hereinafter in this Part referred to as the “principal |
| sections of |
| enactment”) specified in Column I of the Third Schedule |
| Act, No. 15 |
| hereto, are hereby amended by the substitution for the words | of 1981 |
| specified in |
| specified in the corresponding entry in Column II, of the |
| the Third |
| words specified in the corresponding entry in Column III of | Schedule |

that Schedule for the purpose of increase of fines specified in such sections.

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| 5 | *Elections (Special Provisions)* | 3 | Amendment |
| **7.** Section 102 of the principal enactment is hereby | |
| of section |
| amended in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for | |
| 102 of the |
| the words “within twenty-one days of the date of publication | | principal |
| enactment |
| of the result of the election in the *Gazette*:”, of the words | |
| “within forty-two days of the date of publication of the result | |

of the election in the *Gazette:*”.

PART IV

AMENDMENTSTOTHE PROVINCIAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS   
ACT, NO. 2 OF 1988

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| 10 | **8.** The sections of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, | Amendment |
| of certain |
| No. 2 of 1988 (hereinafter in this Part referred to as the |
| sections of |
| 15 | “principal enactment”) specified in Column I of the Fourth | Act, No. 2 of |
| 1988 |
| Schedule hereto, are hereby amended by the substitution for |
| specified in |
| the words specified in the corresponding entry in Column II, | the Fourth |
| Schedule |
| of the words specified in the corresponding entry in Column |

III of that Schedule for the purpose of increase of fines specified in such sections.

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| 20 | **9.** Section 108 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment |
| amended in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for | of section |
| 108 of the |
| the words “within twenty-one days of the date of publication |
| principal |
| enactment |
| of the result of the election in the *Gazette*:”, of the words |

“within forty-two days of the date of publication of the result of the election in the *Gazette:*”.

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| 25 | **10.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala | Sinhala text |
| to prevail in |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. |
| case of |
| inconsistency |

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| 4 | *Elections (Special Provisions)* | (Section 2) |
| FIRST SCHEDULE |

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| *Column I* | *Column II* | *Column III* |
| *Sections*  *Amended* | *Repeal* | *Insert* |
| 11 | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 18(6) | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 39A(3) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 39A (3A) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 39B (1) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 43 | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 52(2) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 53A(4) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 77 | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 78(1) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 81A(3) | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 81B(2) | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 82E(1) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 82F(1) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 82L(1) | three hundred rupees | one hundred thousand rupees |
| 82M(1) | three hundred rupees | one hundred thousand rupees |
| 84A(2) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 85A | fifty rupees | twenty-five thousand rupees |
| Second  Schedule | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |

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| *Elections (Special Provisions)* | (Section 4) | 5 |
| SECOND SCHEDULE |

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| *Column I* | *Column II* | *Column III* |
| *Sections*  *Amended* | *Repeal* | *Insert* |
| 5 | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 18 | one thousand rupees | four hundred thousand rupees |
| 26(1) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 27(3) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 27(4) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 43(3) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 67(2) | one thousand rupees | four hundred thousand rupees |
| 68(1) | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 68(2) | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 69 | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 70 | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 72 | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 73(3) | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 74(2) | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 75(1) | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 76(6) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 81(1) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 82(1) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 87(1) | three hundred rupees | one hundred thousand rupees |
| 88(1) | three hundred rupees | one hundred thousand rupees |
| 121(2) | fifty rupees | twenty-five thousand rupees |
| 122(2) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |

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| 6 | *Elections (Special Provisions)* | (Section 6) |
| THIRD SCHEDULE |

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| *Column I* | *Column II* | *Column III* |
| *Sections*  *Amended* | *Repeal* | *Insert* |
| 6 | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 23(1) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 24(3) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 24(4) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 41(3) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 67(2) | one thousand rupees | four hundred thousand rupees |
| 68(1) | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 68(2) | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 69 | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 70 | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 72 | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 73(3) | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 74(2) | one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees |
| 75(6) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 80 (1) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 81(1) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |
| 86(1) | three hundred rupees | one hundred thousand rupees |
| 87(1) | three hundred rupees | one hundred thousand rupees |
| 109(2) | fifty rupees | twenty-five thousand rupees |
| 110(2) | five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees |



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| *Column I*  *Sections*  *Amended*  6  16  24(1)  25(3)  25(4)  41(3)  64  67(2)  68(1)  68(2)  69  70  72  73(3)  74(2)  75(1)  76(3)  77(6)  82(1)  83(1)  88(1)  89(1)  123(2)  Second  Schedule  item 9(4) | *Elections (Special Provisions)* | | 7 |
| FOURTH SCHEDULE | | (Section 8) |
| *Column II* | *Column III* | |
| *Repeal* | *Insert* | |
| one thousand rupees | four hundred thousand rupees | |
| one thousand rupees | four hundred thousand rupees | |
| five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees | |
| five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees | |
| five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees | |
| five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees | |
| one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees | |
| one thousand rupees | four hundred thousand rupees | |
| one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees | |
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| one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees | |
| one thousand rupees | four hundred thousand rupees | |
| five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees | |
| one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees | |
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| one hundred rupees | fifty thousand rupees | |
| one thousand rupees | four hundred thousand rupees | |
| five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees | |
| five hundred rupees | two hundred thousand rupees | |
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