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AN ACT TO AMEND THE URBAN COUNCILS ORDINANCE, NO. 61 OF 1939, THE TOWN COUNCILS ORDINANCE, NO. 3 OF 1946, AND THE VILLAGE COMMUNITIES ORDINANCE, AND TO VALIDATE CERTAIN ACTS DONE WITHOUT LEGAL AUTHORITY BY PERSONS LEGALLY APPOINTED TO ADMINISTER THE AFFAIRS OF TOWNS OR VILLAGE AREAS WHOSE URBAN OR TOWN COUNCILS OR VILLAGE COMMITTEES WERE DISSOLVED.

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BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 1957. Short title.

2. Section 196 of the Urban Councils Ordinance, No. 61 of 1939, is hereby amended, in sub-section (6) of that section, by the substitution, for all the words from "powers vested in the Urban Council" to "by such special commissioner or commissioners", of the following:—

Amendment of
section 196
of Ordinance,
No. 61 of 1939.

"powers vested in the Urban Council or its Chairman by this Ordinance or any other written law shall be deemed to be vested in such special commissioner or commissioners, and all the liabilities and duties of the Urban Council or its Chairman under this Ordinance or any other written law shall be deemed to be transferred to and shall be discharged by such special commissioner or commissioners,".

3. Section 197 of the Town Councils Ordinance, No. 3 of 1946, is hereby amended, in sub-section (6) of that section, by the substitution, for all the words from "powers vested in the Town Council" to "by such special commissioner or commissioners", of the following:—

Amendment of
section 197 of
Ordinance,
No. 3 of 1946.

"powers vested in the Town Council or its Chairman by this Ordinance or any other written law shall be deemed to be vested in such special commissioner or commissioners, and all the liabilities and duties of the Town Council or its Chairman under this Ordinance or any other

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written law shall be deemed to be transferred to and shall be discharged by such special commissioner or commissioners,".

**Amendment of
section 62 of
Chapter 198.**

4. Section 62 of the Village Communities Ordinance, as amended by Ordinance No. 57 of 1946, is hereby further amended in paragraph (c) of that section—

- (a) by the substitution, for the words "directs the Assistant Commissioner", of the words "directs any public officer", and
- (b) by the substitution, for all the words from "powers vested" to "discharged by him,", of the following:—

"powers vested in the Committee or its Chairman by this Ordinance or any other written law shall be deemed to be vested in that public officer, and all the liabilities and duties of the Committee or its Chairman under this Ordinance or any other written law shall be deemed to be transferred to and shall be discharged by that public officer,".

**Validation of
certain acts
done without
legal authority
by persons
appointed to
administer the
affairs of towns
or village areas
whose Urban or
Town Councils
or Village
Committees
were dissolved.**

5. Where any person appointed—

- (a) under section 196 (5) of the Urban Councils Ordinance, No. 61 of 1939, or section 197 (5) of the Town Councils Ordinance, No. 3 of 1946, to administer the affairs of a town, or
- (b) under section 61 of the Village Communities Ordinance to administer the affairs of a village area,

has done any act in the exercise or discharge of any power or duty vested or imposed by any written law in or on the Chairman of the Urban or Town Council of that town or the Chairman of the Village Committee of that area, such act shall not be deemed to have been or to be invalid by reason only of the fact that such person was not legally empowered to exercise or discharge such power or duty.