



LOCAL AUTHORITIES (TEMPORARY  
PROVISIONS) LAW No. 4 OF 1972  
OF  
THE NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY

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*Local Authorities (Temporary Provisions)*  
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A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF CERTAIN LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AFFAIRS OF CERTAIN OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES BY CERTAIN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

BE it enacted by the National State Assembly of the Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. (1) This Law may be cited as the Local Authorities (Temporary Provisions) Law, No. 4 of 1972.

Short title  
and date of  
operation.

(2) This Law shall come into operation in each such administrative district as the Minister may determine by Order published in the *Gazette* on such date as may be fixed in that Order in respect of such administrative district. Different dates may be fixed in respect of different administrative districts.

2. (1) The term of office of the members of every local authority who hold office on the day immediately preceding the appointed date by virtue of the provisions of any regulation made under section 5 of the Public Security Ordinance extending their term of office, is hereby further extended till the expiry of a period of five months reckoned from the appointed date.

Extension of  
term of  
office of  
members of  
certain local  
authorities.

(2) A general election in accordance with the provisions of the written law for the time being applicable in that behalf shall be held for the purpose of electing new members to every local authority referred to in subsection (1) and the term of office of the new members to be so elected shall commence on the first day after the expiration of a period of five months reckoned from the appointed date.

3. (1) The affairs of every local authority which, on the day immediately preceding the appointed date, are administered by an Assistant Commissioner of Local Government by virtue of the provisions of any regulation made under section 5 of the Public Security Ordinance, shall continue to be administered by such Assistant Commissioner of Local Government until the expiry of a period of five months reckoned from the appointed date, and accordingly, such Assistant Commissioner of Local Government shall

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continue, during the aforesaid period of five months, to exercise the powers and perform the duties of such local authority and the Chairman thereof under any written law.

(2) A general election in accordance with the provisions of the written law for the time being applicable in that behalf shall be held for the purpose of electing members to every local authority referred to in subsection (1), and the term of office of such members shall commence on the first day after the expiration of a period of five months reckoned from the appointed date.

4. Any power or duty of a local authority referred to in subsection (1) of section 3 or of the Chairman of any such local authority, which was exercised or performed by any Assistant Commissioner of Local Government under the said sub-section (1) or under any regulation made under the Public Security Ordinance, shall be deemed to be as valid and effectual as though such power or duty were exercised or performed by such local authority or the Chairman thereof, as the case may be.

Acts done by Assistant Commissioner of Local Government to be valid and effectual as though done by the local authority or Chairman thereof.

5. The provisions of this Law shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in any other written law and accordingly, in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this law and such other law, the provisions of this Law shall prevail over such other law.

This Law to prevail over other written laws.

6. In this Law—

Interpretation

“appointed date”, in relation to any local authority, means the date on which this Law comes into operation in the administrative district within which the administrative limits of such local authority are situated;

“local authority” means any Municipal Council, Urban Council, Town Council or Village Council.