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Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions)

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to provide for the calling of fresh nominations and the holding of elections in respect of certain local authorities where the elections of such local authorities have been called and postponed; and to provide for matters connected therewith of incidental thereto.

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CALLING OF FRESH NOMINATIONS AND THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHERE THE ELECTIONS OF SUCH LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN CALLED AND POSTPONED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

WHEREAS notices of nominations were published under section 26 of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262), that nomination papers will be received in respect of elections to the Local Authorities set out in the Schedule hereto:

Preamble

AND WHEREAS March 9, 2023 was fixed for the holding of elections for the aforesaid Local Authorities

AND WHEREAS the said elections were not conducted on such date:

AND WHEREAS the submission of nominations for the aforesaid Local Authorities was concluded in January 2023 and it has become necessary to provide for those who have registered in the register of electors in the year 2024 as new voters, who would otherwise be deprived of their right to vote at the new date of polls fixed and their right to submit nomination papers for the elections for the aforesaid Local Authorities set out in the Schedule hereto:

AND WHEREAS the Local Authority Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 30 of 2023 has come into operation on November 17, 2023 and it has become necessary to provide for the nominations by the youth candidates in accordance with the 25 provisions relating to the nomination of youth candidates under section 28 of the Local Authority Elections Ordinance, (chapter 262), when holding fresh election in respect of such Local Authorities set out in the Schedule hereto:

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AND WHEREAS due to the period of time that has elapsed since the submission of nominations in respect of such Local Authorities set out in the Schedule hereto, it has become necessary to provide for the calling of fresh nominations and to make provisions for the holding of fresh elections in respect of such Local Authorities set out in the Schedule hereto:

NOW THEREFORE, BE it in enacted by the Parliament of 10 the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions) Act, No. of 2024.

Short title

2. (1) Nomination papers submitted for the Local
Authorities Elections due to be held on March 9, 2023
under Section 28 of the Local Authorities Elections
Ordinance (Chapter 262) (hereinafter referred to as
"the Ordinance") in respect of the Local Authorities
set out in the Schedule hereto in response to the
notices of nominations published under section 26 of
the Ordinance are hereby deemed to be of no force
and effect as if such nomination papers had never
been submitted.

Provisions relating to nominations, notices and deposits in respect of elections to certain Local Authorities

- (2) The Notices published under subsection (1) of section 38 of the Ordinance, in respect of elections to the Local Authorities set out in the Schedule hereto are hereby revoked.
 - (3) Deposits made under section 29 of the Ordinance in respect of candidates nominated by any recognized political party or an independent group for election to the Local Authorities set out in the Schedule hereto, shall notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 30 of the Ordinance, be refunded to the person by whom the deposit was made, on the production by such person, of the receipt issued to such person under subsection (3) of section 29 of the Ordinance.

3. Steps shall be commenced under the provisions of the Ordinance for the holding of elections to the Local Authorities set out in the Schedule hereto: Steps to be commenced for holding of elections

Provided that, the notices of nominations in terms of section 26 of the Ordinance shall be published on such date as the Election Commission may determine by Order published in the *Gazette* and such date shall however, be a date not later than three months from the date of coming into operation of this Act.

4. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency

SCHEDULE

	District	Local Authority
15	(01) Colombo 1	Colombo Municipal Council
	2	Dehiwala - Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council
	3	Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte Municipal Council
	4	Kaduwela Municipal Council
	5	Moratuwa Municipal Council
20	6	Kollonnawa Urban Council
	7	Seethawakapura Urban Council
	8	Maharagama Urban Council
	9	Kesbewa Urban Council
	10	Boralesgamuwa Urban Council
25	11	Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha
	12	Seethawaka Pradeshiya Sabha
	13	Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha

	District		Local Authority
	(02) Gampaha	1	Negombo Municipal Council
		2	Gampaha Municipal Council
		3	Wattala - Mabola Urban Council
5		4	Katunayaka - Seeduwa Urban Council
		5	Minuwangoda Urban Council
		6	Ja - Ela Urban Council
		7	Peliyagoda Urban Council
		8	Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha
10		9	Katana Pradeshiya Sabha
		10	Divulapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha
		11	Mirigama Pradeshiya Sabha
		12	Minuwangoda Pradeshiya Sabha
		13	Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha
15		14	Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha
		15	Ja-Ela Pradeshiya Sabha
		16	Mahara Pradeshiya Sabha
		17	Dompe Pradeshiya Sabha
		18	Biyagama Pradeshiya Sabha
20		19	Kelaniya Pradeshiya Sabha
	(03) Kalutara	1	Panadura Urban Council
		2	Horana Urban Council
		3	Kalutara Municipal Council
		4	Beruwala Urban Council
25		5	Panadura Pradeshiya Sabha
		6	Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha
		7	Horana Pradeshiya Sabha
		8	Madurawala Pradeshiya Sabha

	District Local Authority		
	(03) Kalutara	9	Bulathsinhala Pradeshiya Sabha
		10	Mathugama Pradeshiya Sabha
		11	Dodangoda Pradeshiya Sabha
5		12	Kalutara Pradeshiya Sabha
		13	Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha
		14	Palindanuwara Pradeshiya Sabha
		15	Agalawaththa Pradeshiya Sabha
		16	Walallawita Pradeshiya Sabha
10		17	Millaniya Pradeshiya Sabha
	(04) Kandy	1	Kandy Municipal Council
		2	Wattegama Urban Council
		3	Kadugannawa Urban Council
		4	Gampola Urban Council
15		5	Nawalapitiya Urban Council
		6	Thumpane Pradeshiya Sabha
		7	Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha
		8	Akurana Pradeshiya Sabha
		9	Poojapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha
20		10	Pathadumbara Pradeshiya Sabha
		11	Panwila Pradeshiya Sabha
		12	Udadumbara Pradeshiya Sabha
		13	Minipe Pradeshiya Sabha
		14	Medadumbara Pradeshiya Sabha
25		15	Kundasale Pradeshiya Sabha
		16	Pathahewaheta Pradeshiya Sabha
		17	Kandy Gravets and Gangawata Korale Pradeshiya Sabha

	District	Local Authority
	(04) Kandy 18	Yatinuwara Pradeshiya Sabha
	19	Udunuwara Pradeshiya Sabha
	20	Udapalatha Pradeshiya Sabha
5	21	Ganga Ihala Korale Pradeshiya Sabha
	22	Pasbage Korale Pradeshiya Sabha
((05) Matale 1	Dambulla Municipal Council
	2	Matale Municipal Council
	3	Pallepola Pradeshiya Sabha
10	4	Galewela Pradeshiya Sabha
	5	Dambulla Pradeshiya Sabha
	6	Ambanganga Korale Pradeshiya Sabha
	7	Naula Pradeshiya Sabha
	8	Laggala Pallegama Pradeshiya Sabha
15	9	Wilgamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha
	10	Matale Pradeshiya Sabha
	11	Yatawatta Pradeshiya Sabha
	12	Ukuwela Pradeshiya Sabha
	13	Rathtota Pradeshiya Sabha
20	(06) Nuwara Eliya 1	Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council
	2	Hatton - Dickoya Urban Council
	3	Thalawakele Lindula Urban Council
	4	Maskeliya Pradeshiya Sabha
	5	Norwood Pradeshiya Sabha

	District	Local Authority
	(06) Nuwara Eliya 6	Ambagamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha
	7	Agarapathana Pradeshiya Sabha
	8	Kotagala Pradeshiya Sabha
5	9	Nuwaraeliya Pradeshiya Sabha
	10	Kothmale Pradeshiya Sabha
	11	Hanguranketha Pradeshiya Sabha
	12	Walapane Pradeshiya Sabha
	(07) Galle 1	Galle Municipal Council
10	2	Ambalangoda Urban Council
	3	Hikkaduwa Urban Council
	4	Balapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha
	5	Ambalangoda Pradeshiya Sabha
	6	Welivitiya - Divithura Pradeshiya Sabha
15	7	Karandeniya Pradeshiya Sabha
	8	Bentota Pradeshiya Sabha
	10	Neluwa Pradeshiya Sabha
	11	Thawalama Pradeshiya Sabha
	12	Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha
20	13	Niyagama Pradeshiya Sabha
	14	Baddegama Pradeshiya Sabha
	15	Yakkalamulla Pradeshiya Sabha
	16	Rajgama Pradeshiya Sabha
	17	Akmeemana Pradeshiya Sabha
25	18	Bope Poddala Pradeshiya Sabha
	19	Imaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha
	20	Habaraduwa Pradeshiya Sabha

	District		Local Authority
	(08) Matara	1	Matara Municipal Council
		2	Weligama Urban Council
		3	Pitabeddara Pradeshiya Sabha
5		4	Kotapola Pradeshiya Sabha
		5	Kirinda Puhulwella Pradeshiya Sabha
		6	Mulatiyana Pradeshiya Sabha
		7	Pasgoda Pradeshiya Sabha
		8	Athuraliya Pradeshiya Sabha
10		9	Akuressa Pradeshiya Sabha
		10	Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha
		11	Hakmana Pradeshiya Sabha
		12	Kamburupitiya Pradeshiya Sabha
		13	Thihagoda Pradeshiya Sabha
15		14	Devinuwara Pradeshiya Sabha
		15	Dikwella Pradeshiya Sabha
		16	Matara Pradeshiya Sabha
		17	Weligama Pradeshiya Sabha
	(09) Hambantota	1	Hambantota Municipal Council
20		2	Tangalle Urban Council
		3	Weeraketiya Pradeshiya Sabha
		4	Katuwana Pradeshiya Sabha
		5	Beliatta Pradeshiya Sabha
		6	Tangalle Pradeshiya Sabha
25		7	Angunakolapelessa Pradeshiya Sabha
		8	Ambalantota Pradeshiya Sabha
		9	Tissamaharama Pradeshiya Sabha
		10	Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha

District	Local Authority		
(09) Hambantota	11	Hambantota Pradeshiya Sabha	
	12	Lunugamvehera Pradeshiya Sabha	
(10) Jaffna	1	Jaffna Municipal Council	
5	2	Valvettithurai Urban Council	
	3	Point Pedro Urban Council	
	4	Chavakachcheri Urban Council	
	5	Karainagar Pradeshiya Sabha	
	6	Kayts Pradeshiya Sabha	
10	7	Delft Pradeshiya Sabha	
	8	Velanai Pradeshiya Sabha	
	9	Walikamam West Pradeshiya Sabha	
	10	Walikamam North Pradeshiya Sabha	
	11	Walikamam South West Pradeshiya Sabha	
15	12	Walikamam South Pradeshiya Sabha	
	13	Walikamam East Pradeshiya Sabha	
	14	Vadamarachchi South West Pradeshiya Sabha	
	15	Point Pedro Pradeshiya Sabha	
	16	Chawakachcheri Pradeshiya Sabha	
20	17	Nallur Pradeshiya Sabha	
(11) Kilinochchi	1	Pachchilaipalli Pradeshiya Sabha	
	2	Karachchi Pradeshiya Sabha	
	3	Punakari Pradeshiya Sabha	
(12) Mannar	1	Mannar Urban Council	
25	2	Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha	
	3	Nanattan Pradeshiya Sabha	

District		Local Authority
(12) Mannar	4	Musali Pradeshiya Sabha
	5	Manthai West Pradeshiya Sabha
(13) Vavuniya	1	Vavuniya Municipal Council
5	2	Vavuniya North Pradeshiya Sabha
	3	Vengalasettikulam Pradeshiya Sabha
	4	Vavuniya South Tamil Pradeshiya Sabha
	5	Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha
(14) Mullaitivu	1	Manthai East Pradeshiya Sabha
10	2	Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha
	3	Pudukudirippu Pradeshiya Sabha
	4	Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha
(15) Batticaloa	1	Batticaloa Municipal Council
		Eravur Urban Council
15		Karthankudy Urban Council
		Koralaipattu West Pradeshiya Sabha
		Eravur Pattu Pradeshiya Sabha
	6	Koralaipattu Pradeshiya Sabha
	7	Koralaipattu North Pradeshiya Sabha
20		Manmunai South and Eruvil Pattu Pradeshiya Sabha
		Manmunai Pradeshiya Sabha
	10	Manmunai West Pradeshiya Sabha
	11	Manmunai South West Pradeshiya Sabha
	12	Porathivu Pattu Pradeshiya Sabha
25 (16) Ampara	1	Akkaripattu Municipal Council
	2	Ampara Urban Council
	3	Dehiattakandiya Pradeshiya Sabha

	District Local Authority		
	(16) Ampara	4	Damana Pradeshiya Sabha
		5	Uhana Pradeshiya Sabha
		6	Mahaoya Pradeshiya Sabha
5		7	Namaloya Pradeshiya Sabha
		8	Padiyathalawa Pradeshiya Sabha
		9	Navithanveli Pradeshiya Sabha
		10	Sammanthurai Pradeshiya Sabha
		11	Irakkamam Pradeshiya Sabha
10		12	Akkaraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha
		13	Pothuvil Pradeshiya Sabha
		14	Addalaichenai Pradeshiya Sabha
		15	Alayadivembu Pradeshiya Sabha
		16	Lahugala Pradeshiya Sabha
15		17	Karaithivu Pradeshiya Sabha
		18	Ninthavur Pradeshiya Sabha
		19	Thirukkovil Pradeshiya Sabha
	(17) Trincomalee	1	Trincomalee Municipal Council
		2	Kinniya Urban Council
20		3	Verugal Pradeshiya Sabha
		4	Seruwila Pradeshiya Sabha
		5	Kantale Pradeshiya Sabha
		6	Morawewa Pradeshiya Sabha
		7	Gomarankadawala Pradeshiya Sabha
25		8	Padavi Sri Pura Pradeshiya Sabha
		9	Trincomalee Town and Gravets Pradeshiya Sabha
		10	Kuchchaveli Pradeshiya Sabha
		11	Thambalagamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha

District	Local Authority		
(17) Trincomalee	e 12 Muththur Pradeshiya Sabha		
	13 Kinniya Pradeshiya Sabha		
(18) Kurunegala	1 Kurunegala Municipal Council		
5	2 Kuliyapitiya Urban Council		
	3 Giribawa Pradeshiya Sabha		
	4 Galgamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha		
	5 Polpithigama Pradeshiya Sabha		
	6 Nikaweratiya Pradeshiya Sabha		
10	7 Kobeigane Pradeshiya Sabha		
	8 Mahawa Pradeshiya Sabha		
	9 Ibbagamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha		
	10 Wariyapola Pradeshiya Sabha		
	11 Panduwasnuwara Pradeshiya Sabha		
15	12 Bingiriya Pradeshiya Sabha		
	13 Udubaddawa Pradeshiya Sabha		
	14 Pannala Pradeshiya Sabha		
	15 Kuliyapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha		
	16 Alawwa Pradeshiya Sabha		
20	17 Narammala Pradeshiya Sabha		
	18 Polgahawela Pradeshiya Sabha		
	19 Kurunegala Pradeshiya Sabha		
	20 Mawathagama Pradeshiya Sabha		
	21 Ridigama Pradeshiya Sabha		
25 (19) Puttalam	1 Puttalam Municipal Council		
	2 Chilaw Urban Council		
	3 Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha		

	District	Local Authority
	(19) Puttalam 4	Puttalam Pradeshiya Sabha
	5	Wanathawilluwa Pradeshiya Sabha
	6	Karuwalagaswewa Pradeshiya Sabha
5	7	Nawagattegama Pradeshiya Sabha
	8	Anamaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha
	9	Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha
	10	Chillaw Pradeshiya Sabha
	11	Naththandiya Pradeshiya Sabha
10	12	Wennappuwa Pradeshiya Sabha
	(20) Anuradhapura 1	Anuradhapura Municipal Council
	2	Medawachchiya Pradeshiya Sabha
	3	Rambewa Pradeshiya Sabha
	4	Kebithigollewa Pradeshiya Sabha
15	5	Padaviya Pradeshiya Sabha
	6	Kahatagasdigiliya Pradeshiya Sabha
	7	Horowpothana Pradeshiya Sabha
	8	Galenbindunuwewa Pradeshiya Sabha
	9	Thalawa Pradeshiya Sabha
20	10	Nuwaragam Palatha East Pradeshiya Sabha
	11	Nuwaragam Palatha Central Pradeshiya Sabha
	12	Nochchiyagama Pradeshiya Sabha
	13	Rajanganaya Pradeshiya Sabha
	14	Galnewa Pradeshiya Sabha
25	15	Ipalogama Pradeshiya Sabha
	16	Mihintale Pradeshiya Sabha
	17	Thirappane Pradeshiya Sabha
	18	Kekirawa Pradeshiya Sabha
	19	Palagala Pradeshiya Sabha

	District		Local Authority
	(21) Polonnaruwa	1	Polonnaruwa Municipal Council
		2	Elahera Pradeshiya Sabha
		3	Hingurakgoda Pradeshiya Sabha
5		4	Medirigiriya Pradeshiya Sabha
		5	Lankapura Pradeshiya Sabha
		6	Welikanda Pradeshiya Sabha
		7	Dimbulagala Pradeshiya Sabha
		8	Polonnaruwa Pradeshiya Sabha
10	(22) Badulla	1	Badulla Municipal Council
		2	Bandarawela Municipal Council
		3	Haputale Urban Council
		4	Mahiyanganaya Pradeshiya Sabha
		5	Rideemaliyadda Pradeshiya Sabha
15		6	Soranathota Pradeshiya Sabha
		7	Meegahakivula Pradeshiya Sabha
		8	Kandaketiya Pradeshiya Sabha
		9	Passara Pradeshiya Sabha
		10	Lunugala Pradeshiya Sabha
20		11	Badulla Pradeshiya Sabha
		12	Hali Ela Pradeshiya Sabha
		13	Uva Paranagama Pradeshiya Sabha
		14	Welimada Pradeshiya Sabha
		15	Bandarawela Pradeshiya Sabha
25		16	Ella Pradeshiya Sabha
		17	Haputale Pradeshiya Sabha
		18	Haldummulla Pradeshiya Sabha

	District		Local Authority
	(23) Moneragala	1	Bibila Pradeshiya Sabha
		2	Medagama Pradeshiya Sabha
		3	Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha
5		4	Siyambalanduwa Pradeshiya Sabha
		5	Monaragala Pradeshiya Sabha
		6	Badalkumbura Pradeshiya Sabha
		7	Buttala Pradeshiya Sabha
		8	Kataragama Pradeshiya Sabha
10		9	Wellawaya Pradeshiya Sabha
		10	Thanamalvila Pradeshiya Sabha
	(24) Rathnapura	1	Ratnapura Municipal Council
		2	Balangoda Urban Council
		3	Embilipitiya Urban Council
15		4	Eheliyagoda Pradeshiya Sabha
		5	Ratnapura Pradeshiya Sabha
		6	Kuruwita Pradeshiya Sabha
		7	Pelmadulla Pradeshiya Sabha
		8	Balangoda Pradeshiya Sabha
20		9	Imbulpe Pradeshiya Sabha
		10	Godakawela Pradeshiya Sabha
		11	Kahawatta Pradeshiya Sabha
		12	Weligepola Pradeshiya Sabha
		13	Nivithigala Pradeshiya Sabha
25		14	Ayagama Pradeshiya Sabha
		15	Kalawana Pradeshiya Sabha
		16	Embilipitiya Pradeshiya Sabha
		17	Kolonna Pradeshiya Sabha

District	Local Authority
(25) Kegalle 1	Kegalle Municipal Council
2	Warakapola Pradeshiya Sabha
3	Galigamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha
5 4	Kegalle Pradeshiya Sabha
5	Rambukkana Pradeshiya Sabha
6	Mawanella Pradeshiya Sabha
7	Aranayaka Pradeshiya Sabha
8	Yatiyantota Pradeshiya Sabha
10 9	Bulathkohupitiya Pradeshiya Sabha
10	Ruwanwella Pradeshiya Sabha
11	Deraniyagala Pradeshiya Sabha
12	Dehiowita Pradeshiya Sabha