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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS  
(AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)**

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*Presented by the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government  
on 29th of November, 2017*

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2 :* This clause amends section 65<sup>AA</sup> of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) and the legal effect of the section as amended is to cause consistency between the Sinhala and English drafts.

*Local Authorities Elections (Amendment)*

L.D.—O. 55/2017

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS ORDINANCE  
(CHAPTER 262)

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act, No.      of 2017. Short title.

5      2. Section 65<sup>AA</sup> of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) is hereby amended as follows:— Amendment  
of section  
65<sup>AA</sup> of  
Chapter 262.

10            (1) in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution  
for the words and figures, “under subsection (3) of  
section 65(3) and such number of members so  
elected do not include any women members, then  
the provisions of subsections (3) and (4) of this  
section shall not apply to such recognized political  
party or independent group.” of the words and  
figures, “under subsection (3) of section 65<sup>B</sup> and  
such number of members so elected do not include  
any women members, then the provisions of  
subsections (3) and (4) of this section shall not  
apply to such recognized political party or  
independent group.”;

20            (2) in subsection (2) of that section, by the substitution  
for the words and figures, “and has less than three  
members elected or returned, then the provisions of  
subsections (3) and (4) of this section shall not  
apply to such recognized political party or  
independent group.” of the words and figures,  
25            “and has less than three members elected or returned,  
then the provisions of subsections (3) and (4) of  
this section shall not apply to such recognized  
political party or independent group.”;

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- 5        (3) in subsection (3) of that section, by the substitution for the words and figure, “The apportionment of women members” and “subsection (2) of this section” respectively, of the words and figure, “The apportionment of women members” and “subsection (2) of this section”, respectively;
- 10        (4) in subsection (4) of that section, by the substitution for the words and figure, “the shortfall in the number of members shall be returned from among the women candidates in the first nomination paper or the additional nomination paper other than the women candidates who have been elected or are disqualified to be a member under section 9.” of the words and figure, “the shortfall in the number of members shall be returned from among the women candidates in the first nomination paper or the additional nomination paper other than the women candidates who have been elected or are disqualified to be a member under section 9.”; and
- 15        (5) by the repeal of the marginal note to that section, and the substitution therefor of the following:—
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“Apportionment of women members.”.

3. 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.

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