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L.D.—O. 49/2017

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 252)

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

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Municipal Councils (Amendment) Act, No. 20 of 2017. Short title.

**2.** Section 5 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252) is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:— Replacement of section 5 of Chapter 252.

“Composition of Municipal Councils. **5.** (1) Each Municipal Council shall consist of such number of Councillors—

(a) equivalent to sixty *per centum* of the number of Councillors to be elected and returned, for such Municipal Council, as specified by the Minister by Order published in the *Gazette*, based on the number of wards specified in the Orders published under sections 3c and 3d of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262);

(b) equivalent to forty *per centum* of the number of Councillors to be elected and returned for such Municipal Council, who shall be returned in terms of section 65B of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262); and

- (c) determined by the Commissioner under paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 65B of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262).

(2) Where the number constituting forty *per centum* referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (1), is an integer and fraction, the integer shall be deemed to be the number which shall constitute such forty *per centum*, for the purpose of that subsection.”.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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

