



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**LOCAL AUTHORITIES FILLING OF VACANCIES  
(SPECIAL PROVISIONS)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to provide for the filling of vacancies in the office of Mayor, Deputy Mayor  
or a Member of Local Authorities elected under the Local Authorities  
Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262); and for matters connected therewith  
or incidental thereto.**

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*Presented by the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils  
on 10th July, 2013*

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**[Bill No. 254]**

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*Local Authorities Filling of Vacancies*  
(Special Provisions)

L.D.—O. 31/2013.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR OR A MEMBER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTED UNDER THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 262); AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

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 Filling of Vacancies (Special Provisions) Act, No.      of 2013. Short title.

5      2. For the purpose of filling of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, Deputy Mayor or a Member, elected to any local authority under the provisions of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262), which were in operation on the date immediately preceding the date of coming into  
10 operation of the Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 2012, the provisions of the said Ordinance, shall apply to and in relation to the filling of such vacancies, notwithstanding the repealing or amendment of the relevant provisions by the Act, No. 22 of 2012: Filling of vacancies of Mayor etc. elected under Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262).

15      Provided however that, where a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor in the circumstances specified in subsection (4) of section 66B, inserted in the said Ordinance by the Act, No. 22 of 2012, then the provisions of that subsection shall apply in relation thereto.

20      3. The provisions of this Act shall be in operation for a period of four years commencing from the date of commencement of this Act. Duration of the Act.

25      4. Any vacancy in the office of Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Member, filled during the period commencing from January 1, 2013 and ending on the date of commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been validly filled. Validation.

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5.    In this Act— Interpretation.

“Deputy Mayor” means the Deputy Mayor of a  
Municipal Council or the Vice-Chairman of an  
Urban Council or a Pradeshiya Sabha; and

5            “Mayor” means the Mayor of a Municipal Council  
                  or the Chairman of an Urban Council or a  
                  Pradeshiya Sabha.

6.    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.

ENDORSEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 122 OF THE  
CONSTITUTION

It is hereby certified that in the view of the Cabinet of  
Ministers the above Bill is urgent in the national interest.

S. ABEYSINGHE,  
Secretary to the Cabinet of  
Ministers.

04th July, 2013

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