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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:—

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| <p>1. This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 30 of 2023.</p> <p>2. Section 28 of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended as follows:-</p> <p>(1) in subsection (2) of that section-</p> <p>(a) by the substitution for the words, “shall consist of the number of candidates of whom” of the words, “shall consist of the number of candidates of whom not less than twenty-five <i>per centum</i> of the total number of candidates nominated in both the First Nomination Paper and the Additional Nomination Paper shall be youth candidates and of whom,”; and</p> <p>(b) by the substitution for the words, “of such local authority, substantially in the Forms set out in the First Schedule, setting out the names-” of the words, “of such local authority. The nomination papers submitted by every recognized political party or independent group in respect of all wards of any local authority shall be substantially in the Forms set out in the First Schedule, setting out the names-”;</p> | <p>Short title</p> <p>Amendment of section 28 of Chapter 262</p> |
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- (2) by the repeal of subsection (2A) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following subsection:-

“(2A) The Commissioner shall by notice published in the *Gazette*, specify the minimum number of youth candidates to be nominated in total in both the First Nomination Paper and the Additional Nomination Paper and the minimum number of women candidates to be nominated in the First Nomination Paper and the Additional Nomination Paper as referred to in subsection (2), in respect of all wards of each local authority. Where-

- (a) the total number of youth candidates to be nominated is such that not less than twenty-five *per centum* of the total number of candidates nominated in both the First Nomination Paper and the Additional Nomination Paper; and
- (b) the total number of women candidates to be nominated is such that not less than ten *per centum* of the total numbers of members to be elected and returned in the First Nomination Paper, and not less than fifty *per centum* of the total number of candidates nominated in the Additional Nomination Paper,

would be an integer and fraction, the integer shall be deemed to be the number required for the purpose of this section.”;

- (3) by the insertion immediately after subsection (2A) thereof of the following new subsection:-

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“(2AA) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that the total number of youth candidates referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (2A) may include male candidates and female candidates.”; and

- (4) by the repeal of subsections (2D) and (2E) of that section.

3. Section 31 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph:-

Amendment of section 31 of the principal enactment

“(f) that does not contain the total number of women and youth candidates as required to be nominated under subsection (2A) of section 28 of this Ordinance.”.

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

