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ELECTIONS (SPECIAL PROVISIONS)

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to provide for the extension of the time period for presentation of an Election petition and increase of fines; and to amend the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262), the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981, the Presidential Elections Act, No. 15 of 1981 and the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto

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Elections (Special Provisions)

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENTION OF THE TIME PERIOD FOR PRESENTATION OF AN ELECTION PETITION AND INCREASE OF FINES; AND TO AMEND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 262), THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT, NO. 1 OF 1981, THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS ACT, NO. 15 OF 1981 AND THE PROVINCIAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS ACT, NO. 2 OF 1988 AND TO PROVIDE 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 Elections (Special Provisions) Act, No. of 2023. Short title

5 PART I

AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS ORDINANCE
(CHAPTER 262)

10 2. The sections of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) (hereinafter in this Part referred to as the “principal enactment”) specified in Column I of the First Schedule hereto, are hereby amended by the substitution for the words specified in the corresponding entry in Column II, of the words specified in the corresponding entry in Column III of that Schedule for the purpose of increase of
15 fines specified in such sections.

Amendment of certain sections of Chapter 262 specified in the First Schedule

20 3. Section 82^{AF} of the principal enactment as last amended by Act No. 1 of 2002 is hereby further amended in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words “within twenty-one days of the date of publication of the result of the election in the *Gazette*.”, of the words “within forty-two days of the date of publication of the result of the election in the *Gazette*.”.

Amendment of section 82^{AF} of the principal enactment

PART II

AMENDMENTS TO THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT, NO. 1 OF 1981

5 **4.** The sections of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981 (hereinafter in this Part referred to as the “principal enactment”) specified in Column I of the Second Schedule hereto, are hereby amended by the substitution for the words specified in the corresponding entry in Column II, of the words specified in the corresponding entry in Column III of that Schedule for the purpose of increase of fines specified in such sections.

Amendment
of certain
sections of
Act, No. 1 of
1981
specified in
the Second
Schedule

15 **5.** Section 108 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words “within twenty-one days of the date of publication of the result of the election in the *Gazette*:”, of the words “within forty-two days of the date of publication of the result of the election in the *Gazette*:”.

Amendment
of section
108 of the
principal
enactment

PART III

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS ACT, NO. 15 OF 1981

20 **6.** The Sections of the Presidential Elections Act, No. 15 of 1981 (hereinafter in this Part referred to as the “principal enactment”) specified in Column I of the Third Schedule hereto, are hereby amended by the substitution for the words specified in the corresponding entry in Column II, of the words specified in the corresponding entry in Column III of that Schedule for the purpose of increase of fines specified in such sections.

Amendment
of certain
sections of
Act, No. 15
of 1981
specified in
the Third
Schedule

7. Section 102 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words “within twenty-one days of the date of publication of the result of the election in the *Gazette*:”, of the words
- 5 “within forty-two days of the date of publication of the result of the election in the *Gazette*:”.
- Amendment of section 102 of the principal enactment

PART IV

AMENDMENTS TO THE PROVINCIAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS

ACT, NO. 2 OF 1988

- 10 8. The sections of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 (hereinafter in this Part referred to as the “principal enactment”) specified in Column I of the Fourth Schedule hereto, are hereby amended by the substitution for the words specified in the corresponding entry in Column II,
- 15 of the words specified in the corresponding entry in Column III of that Schedule for the purpose of increase of fines specified in such sections.
- Amendment of certain sections of Act, No. 2 of 1988 specified in the Fourth Schedule

9. Section 108 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for
- 20 the words “within twenty-one days of the date of publication of the result of the election in the *Gazette*:”, of the words “within forty-two days of the date of publication of the result of the election in the *Gazette*:”.
- Amendment of section 108 of the principal enactment

10. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala
- 25 and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.
- Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Section 2)

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>
<i>Sections Amended</i>	<i>Repeal</i>	<i>Insert</i>
11	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
18(6)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
39A(3)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
39A (3A)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
39B (1)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
43	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
52(2)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
53A(4)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
77	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
78(1)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
81A(3)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
81B(2)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
82E(1)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
82F(1)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
82L(1)	three hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
82M(1)	three hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
84A(2)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
85A	fifty rupees	twenty-five thousand rupees
Second Schedule	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Section 4)

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>
<i>Sections Amended</i>	<i>Repeal</i>	<i>Insert</i>
5	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
18	one thousand rupees	four hundred thousand rupees
26(1)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
27(3)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
27(4)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
43(3)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
67(2)	one thousand rupees	four hundred thousand rupees
68(1)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
68(2)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
69	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
70	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
72	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
73(3)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
74(2)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
75(1)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
76(6)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
81(1)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
82(1)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
87(1)	three hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
88(1)	three hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
121(2)	fifty rupees	twenty-five thousand rupees
122(2)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees

THIRD SCHEDULE

(Section 6)

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>
<i>Sections Amended</i>	<i>Repeal</i>	<i>Insert</i>
6	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
23(1)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
24(3)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
24(4)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
41(3)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
67(2)	one thousand rupees	four hundred thousand rupees
68(1)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
68(2)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
69	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
70	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
72	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
73(3)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
74(2)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
75(6)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
80 (1)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
81(1)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
86(1)	three hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
87(1)	three hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
109(2)	fifty rupees	twenty-five thousand rupees
110(2)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees

FOURTH SCHEDULE

(Section 8)

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>
<i>Sections Amended</i>	<i>Repeal</i>	<i>Insert</i>
6	one thousand rupees	four hundred thousand rupees
16	one thousand rupees	four hundred thousand rupees
24(1)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
25(3)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
25(4)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
41(3)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
64	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
67(2)	one thousand rupees	four hundred thousand rupees
68(1)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
68(2)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
69	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
70	one thousand rupees	four hundred thousand rupees
72	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
73(3)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
74(2)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
75(1)	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
76(3)	one thousand rupees	four hundred thousand rupees
77(6)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
82(1)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
83(1)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
88(1)	three hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
89(1)	three hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
123(2)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees
Second Schedule item 9(4)	five hundred rupees	two hundred thousand rupees

