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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS  
ORDINANCE**

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. 20 of 1987, and shall come into operation on such date as may be appointed by the Minister by Order published in the *Gazette*.

Short title  
and date  
of  
operation.

2. Section 2 of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance, as amended by Law No. 24 of 1977 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment"), is hereby further amended by the substitution for the words "Municipal Council, Urban Council, Town Council and Village Council", of the words "Municipal Council, Urban Council and Pradeshiya Sabha".

Amendment  
of section  
2 of  
Chapter 262.

3. Section 3 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "Municipality, town or village area", of the words "Municipality, town or Pradeshiya Sabha area".

Amendment  
of section  
3 of the  
principal  
enactment.

4. Section 9 of the principal enactment, as last amended by Act No. 48 of 1983, is hereby further amended by the repeal of subsection (3) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following subsection:—

Amendment  
of section  
9 of the  
principal  
enactment.

"(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of subsection (1) and subsection (2), no person who, at any time after the appointed date is removed from the office of Chairman or member of any Urban Council or Pradeshiya Sabha by Order published under section 184 of the Urban Councils Ordinance or section 185 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, as the case may be, shall be qualified for a period of five years reckoned from the date of such removal from office to be elected under this Ordinance, or to sit or to vote, as a member of any local authority.".

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Replacement  
of section  
25 of the  
principal  
enactment.

5. Section 25 of the principal enactment, as amended by Law No. 24 of 1977, is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor :—

“Date of  
holding  
elections.

25. Every general election of members of a local authority shall, be held within the period of four months preceding the date on which the term of office of the members who are to be elected is due to commence.”.

Amendment  
of section  
29 of the  
principal  
enactment.

6. Section 29 of the principal enactment, as amended by Law No. 24 of 1977, is hereby further amended in subsection (1) of that section by the substitution for paragraph (b) of that subsection of the following paragraph :—

“(b) the deposit required by paragraph (a) shall, be a sum of two hundred and fifty rupees in respect of each candidate nominated by such independent group.”.

Amendment  
of section  
41 of the  
principal  
enactment.

7. Section 41 of the principal enactment, as amended by Law No. 24 of 1977, is hereby further amended in paragraph (b) of that section by the substitution for the words “is a village area,”, of the words “is a Pradeshiya Sabha area.”.

Amendment  
of section  
89 of the  
principal  
enactment.

8. Section 89 of the principal enactment, as last amended by Law No. 24 of 1977, is hereby further amended as follows :—

(a) by the substitution for the definition of “Deputy Mayor” of the following definition :—

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

(b) by the substitution for the definition of “local authority” of the following definition :—

“local authority” means any Municipal Council, Urban Council or Pradeshiya Sabha ;

(c) by the substitution for the definition of “Mayor” of the following definition :—

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

(d) by the insertion immediately after the definition of "parliamentary register for the time being in operation" of the following definition :—

"Pradeshiya Sabha area" means any Pradeshiya Sabha area within the meaning of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act ; ;

(e) by the substitution for the definition of "town" of the following definition :—

"town" means any town within the meaning of the Urban Councils Ordinance.' ; and

(f) by the omission of the definition of "village area".

9. The First Schedule to the principal enactment, as amended by Law No. 24 of 1977, is hereby further amended by the substitution for all the words from "FORM OF NOMINATION PAPER", up to the words "of that Council," of the following words :—

Amendment  
of the  
First  
Schedule to  
the principal  
enactment.

" FORM OF NOMINATION PAPER [Section 28 (2).]

..... Council/Pradeshiya Sabha.

The.....Party, being a recognized political party, an independant group of candidates hereby nominates the following persons, in the order of priority in which their names appear, as candidates for election at the general election to be held for the election of members of the ....., Municipal Council/Urban Council/Pradeshiya Sabha, the first and second named candidates to be in addition, candidates for election as Mayor and Deputy Mayor, respectively/Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively of that Council/Sabha. ".

10. The Fourth Schedule to the principal enactment as amended by Law No. 24 of 1977, is hereby repealed and the following Schedule substituted therefor :—

Replace-  
ment of the  
Fourth  
Schedule to  
the principal  
enactment.

"FOURTH SCHEDULE [Section 76 (1)]

FORM OF DECLARATION OF SECRECY

I ..... solemnly, promise and declare that I will not at this election for the electoral area of the ..... Municipal Council/Urban Council/Pradeshiya Sabha; do anything forbidden by section 76\* of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance which has been read to me.

.....  
Signature of Declarant.

.....  
Signature of person taking the declaration.

\* Note.—This section must be read to the declarant by the person taking the declaration."