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**Providing Relief to Public Officers entitled to the exercise of Political Rights  
who submitted Nominations to contest for the Local Authorities Election,  
2023**

Nomination papers submitted for the Local Authorities elections due to be held on March 9, 2023, have been deemed to be of no force and effect, as if such nomination papers had never been submitted, by the Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions) Act No. 1 of 2025.

02. Accordingly, it has been decided by the Cabinet of Ministers at its meeting held on 25.08.2025 to provide the following relief for the public officers entitled to the exercise of political rights who obtained leave as per Subsection 2:3:2, Chapter XXXII of the Establishments Code to stand as a candidate in the said Local Authorities Election (2023).

03. Therefore,

3.1 "Action should be taken to pay only the basic salary to such officers for the period of leave obtained by them to contest for the election, without setting off such leave from the leave entitled to the officer."

04. These provisions shall only be applicable to the Local Authorities Election, which was due to be held on March 9, 2023.

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