

Local Authorities Filling Of Vacancies (Special Provisions)

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:-

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| Short title | 1. This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities Filling of Vacancies (Special Provisions) Act, No. 30 of 2013. |
| Filling of vacancies of Mayor etc. elected under the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance(Chapter 262). | 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 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:

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. |
| Duration of the Act. | 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. |
| Validation. | 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 in terms of the provisions of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) which were in |

operation on the date immediately preceding the date of coming into operation of the Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 2012 shall be deemed to have been validly filled.

Interpretation.

5. In this Act-

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

'Mayor' means the Mayor of a Municipal Council or the Chairman of an Urban Council or a Pradeshiya Sabha.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

6. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.