



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS  
(AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance No. 53 of 1946**

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*Local Authorities Elections (Amendment)*

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS ORDINANCE  
No. 53 OF 1946

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.      of 2022.

Short title

5      2. The following new section is inserted immediately after section 28 (8) (b) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance No. 53 of 1946 and shall have effect as section 28 (9) in the Principal Enactment:—

Amendment  
of section 28  
of the Local  
Authorities  
Elections  
Ordinance

10      “28 (9)(1) When submitting a nomination paper each political party and independent group shall ensure that not less than one fourth of the total number of candidates to be nominated for the local authority, and not less than one fourth of the total number of candidates in the district list, shall be youth candidates.

(2) The Commissioner of Elections shall by notice published in the Gazette, specify the number of youth candidates to be nominated in respect of each local authority.

20      (3) For the purposes of this Clause a youth shall be defined as an individual either male or female of 35 years of age or less on the day of the calling of elections by the elections commissioner.

25      (4) In the event of a failure by a political party to meet the required condition set out above clause 28 (9) (1) with regard to the youth quota for nominations such nomination paper shall

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be deemed to be *null* and *void* and shall be rejected by the Returning Officer.”.

- 3.** 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.

