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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**URBAN COUNCILS (AMENDMENT)**

**A  
BILL**

**to amend the Urban Councils Ordinance (Chapter 255)**

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*Presented by Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda, M.P.  
on 05th of July, 2023*

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE URBAN COUNCILS ORDINANCE  
(CHAPTER 255)

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist  
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Urban Councils Short title  
(Amendment) Act, No..... of 2023.

5 2. The following section to be inserted immediately Insertion of  
following Section 10(2)(b) of the No. 61 of 1939 Urban new section  
Councils Ordinance as amended by Act, No. 18 of 1987 5(2)(c) to the  
(Chapter 255) and shall have effect as Section 10 (2) (c) of chapter 255  
that enactment :-

10 “(c) Where a Local Authority election is declared and  
the said election cannot be held due to a crisis that  
has arisen, the relevant dissolved local authority/  
body may be reconvened by the Minister for a period  
as decided at the Minister’s discretion  
15 notwithstanding the lapse of the twelve (12) months,  
extension made by the Minister in terms of  
Section 10 (2)(b) .”.

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

