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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**MUNICIPAL COUNCILS (AMENDMENT)**

**A  
BILL**

**to amend the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252)**

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*Presented by Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda, M.P.  
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*Municipal Councils (Amendment)*

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS ORDINANCE  
(CHAPTER 252)

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

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

5 2. The following section to be inserted immediately following Section 10(2)(b) of the No. 29 of 1947 Municipal Councils Ordinance as amended by Act, No. 19 of 1987 (Chapter 252) and shall have effect as Section 10 (2) (c) of that enactment :- Insertion of new section 10(2)(c) to the Chapter 252

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 notwithstanding the lapse of the twelve (12) months  
15 extension made by the Minister in terms of Section 10 (2) (b).”.

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

