THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 2) ACT 2018

Act No. 19 of 2018

I assent

PARAMASIVUM PILLAY VYAPOORY

29 November 2018

Acting President of the Republic

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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An Act

To amend the Local Government Act

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows -

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Local Government (Amendment No. 2) Act 2018.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

"principal Act" means the Local Government Act.

3. Section 11 of principal Act amended

Section 11 of the principal Act is amended, in subsection (1)(a), by deleting the words "or in such other year".

4. Section 12 of principal Act amended

Section 12 of the principal Act is amended, in subsection (1), by repealing paragraph (a) and replacing it by the following paragraph –

 (a) held in the year 2020 and thereafter every 6 years, at such date, as the President shall, on the advice of the Prime Minister, appoint;

5. New section 12A inserted in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting, after section 12, the following new section -

12A. Transitional provisions until next general election of Village Councils to be held in year 2020

- (1) Notwithstanding this Act
 - (a) every member of a Village Council, including a District Councillor, other than a Chairperson and Vice-chairperson of a District Council or Village Council, in office on the commencement of this Act, shall continue to serve as such until the day immediately preceding nomination day at the election of Councillors to a Village Council to be held in the year 2020;

(b) every Chairperson and Vice-chairperson of a District Council or Village Council, in office on the commencement of this Act, shall continue to serve as such until their successors are elected after the election of Councillors to a Village Council to be held in the year 2020.

(2) (a) Where a vacancy occurs in the office of a Village Councillor after the commencement of this Act, the vacant seat shall be filled in accordance with section 42.

(b) Where a vacant seat is filled pursuant to paragraph (a), that person, whether elected or appointed, shall hold office until the day immediately preceding nomination day at the election to be held in the year 2020.

(3) (a) Where a vacancy occurs in the office of a District Councillor after the commencement of this Act, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held within 15 days of the occurrence of the vacancy by the Village Council concerned and conducted in the manner provided in section 13.

(b) A District Councillor elected pursuant to paragraph (a) shall hold office until the day immediately preceding nomination day at the election to be held in the year 2020.

(4) (a) Where a vacancy occurs in the office of a Chairperson or Vice-chairperson of a District Council or Village Council after the commencement of this Act, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held within 15 days of the occurrence of the vacancy and conducted in the manner provided in section 34.

(b) A Chairperson or Vice-chairperson of a District Council or Village Council elected pursuant to paragraph (a) shall hold office until his successor is elected after the election to be held in the year 2020. (5) A member of an Executive Committee of a District Council referred to in section 47 shall, on the commencement of this Act, continue to serve as such until the day immediately preceding nomination day at the election of Councillors to a Village Council to be held in the year 2020.

Passed by the National Assembly on the twenty seventh day of November two thousand and eighteen.

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs) Clerk of the National Assembly