

#### ACT No. 1 of 1994

#### MUNICIPAL COUNCILS (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) ACT 1994

I assent.

CHEDDI JAGAN, President.

13th January, 1994.

## ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

## SECTION

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AN ACT to make certain provisions in view of the delay in the holding of elections to the City Council for Georgetown and town councils.

A.D. 1994 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Municipal Councils (Temporary Provisions) Act 1994.

Interpretation

- 2. In this Act
  - (a) "appointed day" means the date on which this Act comes into operation;

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- (b) "City Council" has the same meaning as in the Municipal and District Councils Act;
- (c) "town council" means the municipal council for the Town of New Amsterdam, the town of Corriverton, Linden Rose Hall or Anna Regina;
- (d) "town councillor" means a councillor of a town council.

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- 3. Notwithstanding anything contained in he Local Authorities (Postponement of Elections) Act 1993 or any other written law
  - (a) the existing town councils shall, continue to function until they stand dissolved under paragraph (b);
  - (b) the existing town councils shall stand dissolved and the councillors of those town councils shall cease to hold office
    - (i) on the day on which a meeting of town councillors, elected at the next following election of town councillors, is held for the purposes of section 12, read with section 33A (4), of the Municipal and District Councils Act, or the 31st July, 1994, whichever is earlier:

Provided that the Minister may, where it appears to him expedient so to do, at any time before the aforesaid dates, by order, which shall be subject to negative resolution of the National Assembly, dissolve any town council: or

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- (ii) where such number of town councillors resign that a quorum cannot be obtained for the transaction of the business of the town councils:
- (c) the City Council is dissolved and the members of the City Council shall cease to hold office
  - (i) with effect from the appointed date; or
  - (ii) where such number of city councillors resign before the appointed day that a quorum cannot be obtained for the transaction of the business of the City Council.
- 4. (1) During any period from the date on which the City Council or an existing town council stands dissolved under section 3 and the date on which a meeting of the councillors of the City Council or the town councillors is held for the purposes of section 12 or, as the case may be, section 12 read with section 33A (4), of the Municipal and District Councils Act, a committee consisting of a chairman and not more than fourteen other members, to be appointed by the Minister by order and to be known as the Interim Management Committee shall have and exercise and perform all the powers and duties of the City Council or, as the case may be, a town council.

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- (2) Subject to any regulations that the Minister may make, an Interim Management Committee appointed for the City Council or a town council shall follow the same procedure as the City Council or, as the case may be, a town council.
- 5. All acts done or purported to be done by the City Council or a municipal council and the members, including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor thereof, who continue in office in consequence of the provisions of this Act, which would have been lawful if this Act had been in force, shall be deemed to be lawfully and validly done and every such council and members thereof, including the the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, shall be discharged and indemnified against all persons from all legal proceedings in respect of, or consequent on, such acts.

Validation of acts:

Passed by the National Assembly on 13th January, 1994.

F. A. Narain, Clerk of the National Assembly.

(BILL No. 29/1993)