

I assent.

EDWARD V. LUCKHOO

Acting Governor-
General.

4th November, 1969.

ACT NO. 25 OF 1969.

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES (VALIDATION OF APPOINTMENT
AND ACTS OF MEMBERS) ACT, 1969.**

Arrangement of Sections.

Section

1. Short title.
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3. Amendment of section 3 of the Local Government (Postponement of Elections) Ordinance, 1961.
4. Amendment of section 72 of Chapter 150.
5. Validation of acts.

AN ACT to amend certain enactments relating to Local Authorities and to validate the appointment and acts of certain persons who purported to exercise the functions of members of those authorities.

4th November, 1969

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

A.D. 1969.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities (Validation of Appointment and Acts of Members) Act, 1969.

Inter-
pretation.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
“Board” means the Local Government Board;

No. 41
of 1961.

“the Ordinance” means the Local Government (Postponement of Elections) Ordinance, 1961;

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“the Principal Ordinance” means the Local Government Ordinance.

Amend-
ment of
section 3
of the
Local
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ment (Post-
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of Elec-
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dinance,
1961.

3. Section 3 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after the word “Board” of the bracket and words “(although he does not possess all of the qualifications prescribed by section 32 of the Principal Ordinance)”.

No. 41
of 1961.

4. Section 72 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

Amendment of section 72 of Chapter 150.

- (a) by the deletion of the words "and shall vacate office two years thereafter" from subsection (4) and the substitution therefor of the words "or on such other date as the Board may direct; they shall vacate office on 31st December in the year next ensuing the year in which they were appointed"; and
- (b) by the substitution of a comma for the full stop after the word "district" in subsection (6) and the addition thereafter of the words "and any person becoming a member of a country authority by virtue of an increase in the membership thereof under this subsection shall vacate office at the same time as those members of the country authority who assumed office in accordance with the provisions of subsection (4) of this section."

5. (1) The amendment effected by section 3 of this Act shall be deemed to have come into operation at the commencement of the Ordinance:

Validation of acts.

Provided that no proceedings shall be instituted against —

- (a) the Board or a village council for having declared the office of a member of a village council to be vacant between the commencement of the Ordinance and this Act and which declaration would, but for the aforesaid amendment, have been lawfully made;
- (b) the Board for having filled the office so declared vacant;
- (c) any person for having assumed and performed the functions of the office of a member of a village council on the nomination of the Board.

(2) All acts done in good faith as a member of a village council by a person referred to in paragraph (c) of the proviso to subsection (1) of this section are hereby declared in all respects to have been validly, properly and lawfully done.

(3) Any member of a country authority who, prior to the enactment of this Act, assumed office as such member on a date other than the 1st January after his appointment shall, notwithstanding that section 4 of this Act had not been in force be deemed to have validly assumed office.

Passed by the National Assembly on the 17th of October, 1969.

M. B. HENRY,
Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly