



ORDINANCE NO. 41 OF 1961.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS)
ORDINANCE, 1961.



I assent.

Governor.

8 December, 1961.

BRITISH GUIANA.

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AN ORDINANCE to provide for the postponement of elections to village councils and for purposes connected therewith.

A.D. 1961. Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Local Government (Postponement of Elections) Ordinance, 1961, and shall be construed and read as one with the Local Government Ordinance, hereinafter called the Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same.

Chapter 150.

Continuance in office of councillors.

2. Anything contained in the Principal Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding the councillors of a village district holding office at the coming into operation of this Ordinance shall continue in office.

Filling of vacancy of councillor.

3. Where during the continuance in operation of this Ordinance the seat of any member of a village council becomes vacant such vacancy may be filled by a new member nominated by the Local Government Board and such new member shall be deemed to be a member of the village council as if he had been elected thereto under the Principal Ordinance.

5.

Election of chairman and deputy chairman.

4.(1) Anything contained in the Principal Ordinance notwithstanding, the chairman and deputy chairman of a village council shall be elected not later than ten days after the publication of this Ordinance in the Gazette in accordance with the provisions of the Principal Ordinance:

Provided that if the election of chairman and deputy chairman be not held within the time allowed by this section the time for holding such election may for good and sufficient cause be extended by the Local Government Board.

(2) If upon the election of a chairman or deputy chairman in pursuance of the provisions of the preceding subsection there is an equality in the highest number of votes cast for two or more candidates the Overseer shall forthwith decide between such candidates by lot and proceed as if the candidate on whom the lot falls had received an additional vote.

Termination of operation of Ordinance.

5. The Minister charged with responsibility for local authorities may from time to time by order published in the Gazette declare that this Ordinance or any provision thereof shall cease to be in operation in relation to village councils or any of them and this Ordinance or any provision thereof as may be so specified shall thereupon cease to be of any effect whatsoever in relation to any such council without prejudice whatever to anything lawfully done thereunder.

Retrospective operation of Ordinance.

6. This Ordinance shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 31st day of October, 1961

Passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 29th November, 1961.

Passed by the Senate on the 7th December, 1961.

J. A. Spurr
Clerk of the Legislature.