

I assent.

**R. F. A. GREY**

Governor.

20th December, 1963.

ORDINANCE NO. 25 OF 1963.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SPECIAL PROVISIONS)  
(NO. 2) ORDINANCE, 1963.

## Arrangement of Sections.

## Section

1. Short title.
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4. Election of chairman or deputy chairman where vacancy occurs.

AN ORDINANCE to make special provision for the election of chairmen and deputy chairmen of village councils for 1964 and thereafter during the continuance in operation of the Local Government (Postponement of Elections) Ordinance, 1961.

[21st December, 1963]

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

A.D. 1963

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Local Government (Special Provisions) (No. 2) Ordinance, 1963. Short title.

2. In this Ordinance —

Interpretation.

“Minister” means the Minister for the time being charged with responsibility for local government;

“overseer” has the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the Principal Ordinance;

“the Principal Ordinance” means the Local Government Ordinance. Cap. 150.

3.(1) During the continuance in operation of the Local Government (Postponement of Elections) Ordinance, 1961, the councillors for the time being in office by virtue of the provisions of the said Ordinance shall elect the chairmen and deputy chairmen of village councils for 1964 and every year thereafter as hereinafter provided, and the chairmen and deputy chairmen so elected shall hold office as such as if they had been elected thereto under the provisions of the Principal Ordinance. Holding of election of chairmen and deputy chairmen for 1964 and thereafter. No. 41 of 1961.

(2) The election of the chairman and deputy chairman of a village council for 1964 shall be held on a date not later than ten days after the commencement of this Ordinance, and the provisions of section 55 of the Principal Ordinance shall, subject to the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to the election of a chairman and deputy chairman under this subsection:

Provided that if the election of the chairman and deputy chairman of a village council for 1964 be not held within the time allowed as aforesaid, the Minister may for good and sufficient cause extend the time for the holding of such election, and such time may be extended to a date after the 31st December, 1963.

(3) The election of the chairman and deputy chairman of a village council for every year after 1964 shall, subject to the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 55 of the Principal Ordinance.

(4) If upon the election of the chairman or deputy chairman of a village council in pursuance of subsection (2) or (3) of this section 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.

(5) Where by virtue of the operation of subsection (2) of this section it is not practicable for the persons elected to assume office in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section 55 of the Principal Ordinance, they shall assume office on the date of their election to office.

(6) Where the provisions of the last preceding subsection apply the chairman and deputy chairman of a village council holding office as such on the 31st December, 1963, shall continue in office and exercise the powers and duties of their respective offices until the chairman and deputy chairman of the village council for 1964 assume office.

Election of chairman or deputy chairman where vacancy occurs.

4. Where a vacancy occurs in the office of the chairman or deputy chairman of a village council prior to the determination of any such office at the end of a year, the provisions of section 56 of the Principal Ordinance (except subsection (6) ), and subsection (4) of the last preceding section, shall apply for the purpose of filling the vacancy.

*Passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 12th December, 1963.*

*Passed by the Senate on the 17th December, 1963.*

E. V. VIAPREE,  
*Acting Clerk of the Legislature.*

(Bill 37/1963 (L.A.) ).