

SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION (1992-1994)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 36

WHEREAS the Constitution (Amendment) Act 1993 (Act No. 21 of 1993), for the purpose of facilitating the holding of local government elections in 1994, altered the Constitution temporarily -

- (i) by substituting a new article 161 providing for the composition of the Elections Commission;
- (ii) by inserting a new article 161A empowering the Elections Commission to appoint the Chief Election Officer and all other officers and staff as may be necessary for the conduct of the local government elections;
- (iii) by substituting for paragraph (5) of article 226 another paragraph fixing the quorum of the Elections Commission as consisting of the Chairman and not less than two-thirds of the number of the other appointed members;

AND WHEREAS, notwithstanding section 2 of the said Constitution (Amendment) Act 1993, paragraph (7) of the inserted article 161A stipulates that the said Act shall stand repealed on the 30th June, 1994, unless its life is extended by the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS it has been recognised that it would be impracticable for local government elections to be held on or before 30th June, 1994 because of the inordinately long time taken to renovate the building housing the Elections Commission to meet the required standard to accommodate the Commission's electronic equipment, the extension of time granted by the Elections Commission for the hearing of claims and objections, and the additional time needed to train the new operators of the said equipment;

AND WHEREAS it is therefore necessary for the life of the said Constitution (Amendment) Act 1993 to be extended for a period of six months commencing from 1st July, 1994, thus ipso facto extending the life of the Elections Commission to enable it to complete the task of preparation for, and the holding of, local government elections for which it was specifically appointed;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, That this National Assembly in accordance with paragraph (7) of article 161A of the Constitution approve the extension of the life of the Constitution (Amendment) Act 1993 for a period of six months commencing from 1st July, 1994 to give the Elections Commission the needed time to make all necessary preparations for, and to conduct, local government elections in 1994.

Passed by the National Assembly on 27th June, 1994.



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Clerk of the National Assembly