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The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly is published for general information.

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GUYANA

BILL No. 9 of 1998

**ELECTION LAWS (FILLING OF VACANCIES
IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY) BILL 1998**

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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A BILL
Intituled

AN ACT to provide for the filling of vacancies in the National
Assembly where the seats of all the members of a particular
list became vacant.

A. D. 1998 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

- Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Election Laws
(Filling of Vacancies in the National Assembly) Act 1998.
- Interpretation. 2. In this Act "the relevant list" means the list
in which is included the names of the members of the
National Assembly, the seats of all of whom have
become vacant.
- Filling of vacancies
in the National Assembly
where the seats of
all members of a
particular list of
candidates be came
vacant. Cap. 1:03 3. Notwithstanding anything in the
Representation of the People Act or in any other written
law, where the provisions of section 98 of the
Representation of the People Act have been complied
with by the person referred to in paragraph (a), or (b)
or by the persons referred to in paragraph (c) thereof
and the Chief Election Officer has made the
declaration regarding the names of the candidates on

the relevant list who have been elected as members of the National Assembly and where the seats of such members have become vacant for any cause other than a dissolution of Parliament the vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the procedure laid down in section 98 and the other relevant provisions of the said Act , every person on the relevant list being eligible for extraction under the provisions of this section.

Amendment of section 42 of the Local Democratic Organs Act.

4. Section 42(2) of the Local Democratic Organs Act shall be read and construed as if for the words -

Act No. 12 of 1980

"Any such vacancy shall be filled by such other member of that council as is not a member of the Congress but" there were substituted the words

"Any such vacancy shall be filled by such member of that council including the member whose seat on the Congress became vacant and."

Cessation.

5. This Act shall cease to have effect when the vacancies in relation to the particular relevant list of candidates have been filled and members have assumed their seats in the National Assembly or on 31st July, 1998, whichever date is earlier.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the operation of section 98 and other relevant provisions of the Representation of the People Act, Cap. 1:03, to enable the representative of the list whose members have lost their seats in the National Assembly to extract afresh from the said list the names of persons to be declared duly elected as members of the National Assembly.

This Bill also provides for the filling of vacancies in the National Assembly by the Regional Democratic Councils by the very persons whose seats in the National Assembly became vacant.

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