
Fifth Session Second Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 15 of 1986

[L.S.]

AN ACT to extend the term of office of the existing members of the council of the local authorities, and to make certain other temporary provisions for the functioning of the local authorities.

[Assented to 7th August, 1986]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities Short title
(Extension of Term of Office) Act, 1986.

Interpretation

2. In this Act—

“local authorities” means a Municipal Corporation and includes a county council established under the County Councils Act;

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“members of the councils of local authorities” means “councillors” within the meaning of section 2 of the Port-of-Spain Corporation Ordinance, of the San Fernando Corporation Ordinance, of the Arima Corporation Ordinance and of the Point Fortin Corporation Act and “councillors” within the meaning of the County Councils Act, respectively, and includes the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal Corporations and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Aldermen of the County Councils established under the County Councils Act, as the case may be;

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Ch. 39. No. 11

Act No. 12 of 1980

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for Local Government is assigned;

“Municipal Corporation” means the Port-of-Spain Corporation, the San Fernando Corporation, the Arima Corporation and the Point Fortin Corporation established under the Port-of-Spain Corporation Ordinance, the San Fernando Corporation Ordinance, the Arima Corporation Ordinance and the Point Fortin Corporation Act, respectively.

Extension of
term of office
of members of
councils

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other enactment relating to the term of office of members of the council of the local authorities, the term of office of all members of the councils of the local authorities holding office on the 7th August, 1986, is hereby extended for a period of one year or such date as the President may specify by Order published in the *Gazette* whichever first occurs.

Temporary
provisions for
functioning
of local
authorities
in certain cases

4. Where in the opinion of the Minister a local authority is unable to discharge its duties and functions—

(a) by reason of the inability of the members of the council of the local authority, or

any of them, to perform their duties and functions, whether by resignation or otherwise, or

(b) by reason of the refusal or failure to act of the members of the council of the local authority,

then notwithstanding any other enactment relating to the duties and functions of the local authorities, the Chief Administrative Officer of a County Council established under the County Councils Act, or the Town Clerk, in the case of a Municipal Corporation, shall on the direction of the Minister, by writing under his hand, and subject to such general or special directions as the Minister may give, exercise and perform such of the duties and functions of the local authority as are necessary or expedient for the proper conduct of the affairs of the local authority; and the decisions of the Chief Administrative Officer or Town Clerk, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be the decisions of the local authority for all the purposes of the enactments relating to that local authority.

5. This Act shall remain in force for a period of one year or until the date specified in the Order made under section 3 whichever first occurs and shall then expire, without prejudice to anything lawfully done hereunder. *Duration of Act*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 4th day of August, 1986.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 5th day of August, 1986.

M. CARRINGTON
Acting Clerk of the Senate

