Third Session Twelfth Parliament Republic of Trinidad and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 4 of 2023

[L.S.]

An Act to extend the terms of office of Councillors and Aldermen elected in December, 2019, to provide for elections in 2023 and to validate the actions of the said Councillors and Aldermen between 2nd December, 2022 and 18th May, 2023

[Assented to 7th June, 2023]

WHEREAS the Councillors and Aldermen of the Preamble fourteen Regional Corporations were elected to office on the 2nd December, 2019;

And whereas the terms of office of the said Councillors and Aldermen expired on 2nd December, 2022 and no elections have been held to elect new Councillors or Aldermen for the Regional Corporations;

And whereas the said Councillors and Aldermen have continued to exercise the functions of Councillors and Aldermen from 2nd December, 2022 to 18th May, 2023;

And whereas there have been Bye-elections during the period 2019 to 2023;

And whereas it has become necessary to make it clear that the terms of office of the Councillors and Aldermen have been extended to 18th May, 2023;

Enactment

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Municipal Corporations (Extension of Terms of Office and Validation) Act, 2023.

Interpretation

2. In this Act—

"Councillors and Aldermen" means the persons who served in the corporate office of the Council during the period 2nd December, 2019 to 18th May, 2023.

Extension of term of office of Councillors and Aldermen

3. The terms of office of the Councillors and Aldermen which expired on 2nd December, 2022 are hereby extended until the 18th May, 2023.

Period for 2023 Local Government Elections

4. An election referred to in section 11(1) of the Municipal Corporations Act for the year 2023 shall be held within three months of the 18th May, 2023.

Validation

5. Where the Councillors and Aldermen under section 3 exercised the functions of Councillors and Aldermen between 2nd December, 2022 and 18th May, 2023, the exercise of those functions and all acts or

things done pursuant thereto shall be deemed to have been as valid and effectual as if the Municipal Corporations Act expressly empowered them to exercise those functions.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 29th day of May, 2023.

Clerk of the House

2023

Passed in the Senate this 31st day of May, 2023.

Clerk of the Senate

Senate amendments were agreed to by the House of Representatives this 5th day of June, 2023.

Clerk of the House