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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BILL

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

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS (EXTENSION OF
TERMS OF OFFICE AND VALIDATION) BILL, 2023

Explanatory Note

(These notes form no part of the Bill but are intended only to indicate its general purport)

This Bill seeks to provide that those Councillors and Aldermen whose terms of office expired in December, 2022, shall be deemed to have continued in office until 18th May, 2023. It also seeks to validate their actions taken or decisions made between 2nd December, 2022 and 18th May, 2023. Lastly, the Bill seeks to provide that Local Government Elections for the year 2023 shall be held no later than 18th August, 2023.

The Bill contains 5 clauses.

Clause 1 of the Bill would provide the short title of the Act for which this is the Bill.

Clause 2 of the Bill would provide for the interpretation of certain phrases in the Act.

Clause 3 of the Bill would provide that the terms of office of Councillors and Aldermen which expired on 2nd December, 2022 are extended until the 18th May, 2023.

Clause 4 of the Bill would provide for the holding of local government elections in 2023.

Clause 5 of the Bill would provide for the validation of the actions of the Councillors and Aldermen whose terms expired in December, 2022.

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[, 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 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 Councillors, Aldermen, elected in December, 2019 in accordance with the Municipal Corporations Act.
Chap. 25:04	
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, and thereafter exercised the functions of Councillors and Aldermen up until the commencement of this Act, 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
day of _____, 2023.

Clerk of the House

I confirm the above.

Speaker

Passed in the Senate this _____ day of _____,
2023.

Clerk of the Senate

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate

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