

THE LOCAL COUNCILS (DATE OF ELECTIONS) ACT, 1969

No. 23



of 1969

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS TO LOCAL COUNCILS SHALL BE HELD WHENEVER PARLIAMENT IS DISSOLVED, AND TO MAKE CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DISTRICT COUNCILS) LAW, 1965, AND TO TOWN COUNCIL REGULATIONS, 1966

Date of Assent: 8.7.69

Date of Commencement: 1.8.69.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Councils (Date of Elections) Act, 1969.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires -

“District Council” means a council established under the Local Government (District Councils) Law, 1965 (No. 35 of 1965);

“local council” means a District Council or Town Council;

“Town Council” means a council established under the Townships Proclamation (Cap. 120).

General Elections to Local Councils to take place at same time as General Elections to National Assembly

3. A general election of the elected members of every local council shall be held whenever Parliament is dissolved (otherwise than within six months of a previous dissolution) and the day fixed for the taking of any poll which may become necessary at any such election shall be the same day as that fixed under section 31 of the Electoral Act, 1968 (No. 38 of 1968) for the taking of any poll which may become necessary at the general election to the National Assembly.

Amendment of Law No. 35 of 1965 and Legal Notice No. 37 of 1966

4. The provisions specified in the first column of the Schedule are amended in the manner specified in relation thereto in the second column of the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

(Section 4)

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
1. Section 8 of the Local Government (District Councils) Law, 1965	Repeal and replace as follows – <i>“Tenure of Office of Elected Members.</i> 8. Every elected member of a council shall, without prejudice to his re-election, retire from office on the day appointed for the taking of any poll which may become necessary at any general election to the council.”.
2. Regulation 8 of the Town Council Regulations, 1966	Revoke and replace as follows – <i>“Tenure of Office</i> 8(1) Every elected member of a council shall, without prejudice to his re-election, retire from office on the day appointed for the taking of any poll which may become necessary at any general election to the council. (2) The appointed members of a council shall hold office at the pleasure of the Minister.”.

Passed by the National Assembly this day the 14th May, 1969.

G.T. MATENGE,
Clerk of the National Assembly