

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DISTRICT COUNCILS)  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2000**

No. 7



of 2001

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

**SECTION**

1. Short title
2. Insertion of Part III(A) in the Act

**An Act to amend the Local Government (District Councils) Act**

*Date of Assent:* 15.5.2001.

*Date of Commencement:* 25.5.2001.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Government (District Councils) (Amendment) Act, 2000.

Short title

2. The Local Government (District Councils) Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after section 25 thereof, the following new Part —

Insertion of  
Part III (A) in  
the Act

**“PART III (A) — *Privilege of Immunity***

Immunity  
from legal  
proceedings

25A. No civil or criminal proceedings may be instituted against a member of a council for words spoken before, or written in a report to the council or to a committee thereof, or by reason of any matter brought by the member by petition, motion or otherwise.

Freedom  
from arrest

25B. A member of a council is not liable to arrest —

- (a) for any civil debt whilst going to, attending at, or returning from, a meeting of the council or any committee thereof; or
- (b) within the precincts of the council while the council or a committee thereof is sitting, for any criminal offence without the consent of the chairman.

Exercise of  
process

25C. No process issued by any court in the exercise of its jurisdiction shall be served or executed on a member of a council within the precincts of the council while the council is sitting.

Definition

25D. In this Part,  
“precincts of the council” means the chamber and offices of a council and any gallery or place provided for the use or accommodation of members of the public, and includes, while the council is sitting, the entire building in which the chamber of the council is situated, and any forecourt, yard, garden, enclosure or open space adjoining or appertaining to such building and used or provided for the purposes of the council”

PASSED by the National Assembly this 3rd day of August, 2000.

KEORAPETSE BOEPETSWE,  
*Acting Clerk of the National Assembly.*