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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

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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 14 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	<b>1.</b> This Act may be cited as the Municipal Corporations (Extension of Terms of Office and Validation) Act, 2023.
Interpretation	<b>2.</b> In this Act—  <b>“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.</b>
Extension of term of office of Councillors and Aldermen	<b>3.</b> 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	<b>4.</b> 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	<b>5.</b> 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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