L. A. BILL No. IV OF 2021.

A BILL

further to amend the Maharashtra Municipal Corporations Act and the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships Act, 1965.

(As Passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 5th March 2021.) (As Passed by the Legislative Council on the 9th March 2021.)

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Municipal LIX of Corporations Act and the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar 1949 Panchayats and Industrial Townships Act, 1965, for the purposes hereinafter Mah. XL of appearing; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-second Year of the Republic 1965. of India as follows:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

Short title.

1. This Act may be called the Maharashtra Municipal Corporations and the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, *Nagar Panchayats* and Industrial Townships (Amendment) Act, 2021.

CHAPTER II

AMENDMENT TO THE MAHARASHTRA MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT

Amendment of section 452A of LIX of 1949, 2. In section 452A of the Maharashtra Municipal Corporations Act, after LIX of sub-section (*1A*), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

"(1B) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, where the State Election Commission has brought to the notice of the State Government that it is not possible for it to conduct the general elections to the Corporation within the period specified in the order issued under sub-section (1A), due to COVID-19 pandemic situation in the State, then the State Government may, by order, appoint a Government officer or officers, or extend the period of any officer appointed under sub-section (1), for such period as may be requested by the State Election Commission, for exercising all the powers and performing all the functions and duties of the Corporation under this Act.".

CHAPTER III

AMENDMENT TO THE MAHARASHTRA MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, Nagar Panchayats And Industrial Townships Act, 1965

3. In section 317 of the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Amendment Mah. XL of 1965. Panchayats and Industrial Townships Act, 1965, after sub-section (2), the of section 317 following sub-section shall be added, namely:—

of Mah. XL of 1965.

"(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, where the State Election Commission has brought to the notice of the State Government that it is not possible for it to conduct the general elections to the Municipal Council or Nagar Panchayat within the period specified in the order issued under sub-section (2), due to COVID-19 pandemic situation in the State, then the State Government may, by order, appoint a Government officer or officers, or extend the period of any officer appointed under sub-section (1), for such period as may be requested by the State Election Commission, for exercising all the powers and performing all the functions and duties of the Municipal Council or Nagar Panchayat under this Act.".

MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE SECRETARIAT

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[Shri Eknath Shinde, Minister for Urban Development.]

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RAJENDRA BHAGWAT, Secretary, Maharashtra Legislative Council.

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