

L. A. BILL No. II OF 2026.

A BILL

*further to amend the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and
Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961.*

(As passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th February, 2026.)

(As passed by the Legislative Council on the 4th March, 2026.)

WHEREAS both houses of the State Legislature were not in session ;

AND WHEREAS the Governor of Maharashtra was satisfied that circumstances existed which rendered it necessary for him to take immediate action further to amend the Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads* and *Panchayat Samitis* Act, 1961, for the purposes hereinafter appearing ; and, therefore, promulgated the Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads* and *Panchayat Samitis* (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 on the 26th December 2025 ;

Mah. V
of
1962.
Mah.
Ord.
XIV of
2025.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature ; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

Short title and commencement. **1.** (1) This Act may be called the Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads* and *Panchayat Samitis* (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 26th December 2025.

Amendment of section 14 of Mah. V of 1962. **2.** In section 14 of the Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads* and *Panchayat Samitis* Act, 1961, (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”), for sub-section (2), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely :—

“(2) The State Government shall make rules for the conduct of such elections and the election shall be conducted in accordance with those rules.

(3) The decision of a Returning Officer accepting or rejecting the nomination papers shall be final and it shall not be called in question in any Court.”.

Repeal of Mah. Ord. XIV of 2025 and saving. **3.** (1) The Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads* and *Panchayat Samitis* (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025, is hereby repealed.

Mah. Ord. XIV of 2025.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken (including any notification, rules or order issued) under the corresponding provisions of the principal Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done, taken or, as the case may be, issued under the corresponding provisions of the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

**MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE
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**[SHRI JAYKUMAR GORE,
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**DR. VILAS ATHAWALE,
Secretary-3,
Maharashtra Legislative Council.**