

L. A. BILL No. XXIX OF 2026.

A BILL

further to amend the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1960.

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

(As passed by the Legislative Council on the 25th March, 2026.)

Mah. XXIV of 1961. WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1960, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. This Act may be called the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Short title. (Amendment) Act, 2026.

Mah. XXIV of 1961. **2.** In section 73AAA of the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1960 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”), in sub-section (3), — Amendment of section 73AAA of Mah. XXIV of 1961.

(1) the first proviso shall be deleted ;

(2) in the second proviso, for the words “the Committee of the Society” the words, letter, figures and brackets “the Committee of the Society, except the Committee of Type “A” Societies prescribed in rule 4 of the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies (Election to Committee) Rules, 2014,” shall be substituted.

Amendment
of section 73B
of Mah. XXIV
of 1961.

3. In section 73B of the principal Act, in sub-section (4), after the words, brackets and figure “sub-section (3) ;” the words “, by the committee in its meeting which shall be presided over by an officer authorized by the State Co-operative Election Authority” shall be added.

Amendment
of section 73C
of Mah. XXIV
of 1961.

4. In section 73C of the principal Act, in sub-section (3), after the words, brackets and figure “sub-section (2)” the words “, by the committee in its meeting which shall be presided over by an officer authorized by the State Co-operative Election Authority” shall be added.

Amendment
of section
73CB of Mah.
XXIV of 1961.

5. In section 73CB of the principal Act, in sub-section (9), in the *Explanation*, for the words, brackets and figure “the expression ‘persons to whom sub-section (8) applies’ are the”, the words “the term ‘person’ means the Divisional, District, Taluka or Ward Co-operative Election Officers, Observers, Zonal Officers,” shall be substituted.

Substitution
of section 73F
of Mah. XXIV
of 1961.

6. For section 73F of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely :—

Election to
more than
one seat on
committee.

“73F. (1) If a person is elected to more than one seat on the committee then, he shall retain one seat and shall resign all other seats within a period of fifteen days from the date of declaration of the result of the election by writing under his hand addressed to the concerned Registrar. In case such person does not resign within the said period, then all such seats shall become vacant.

(2) On receipt of such resignation or on the seats becoming so vacant, the committee shall forthwith communicate the occurrence of such vacancy to the State Co-operative Election Authority and Divisional, District, Taluka or Ward Co-operative Election Officer, as the case may be.

(3) The vacancy so occurred shall be filled in within one month from the date of such communication, by nomination of the members eligible to contest election from the class of members in respect of which the vacancy has arisen, in the meeting of the committee which shall be presided over by an officer authorized by the State Co-operative Election Authority.”.

Amendment
of section 81
of Mah. XXIV
of 1961.

7. In section 81 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), in clause (a), in the second proviso, for the words “rupees one lakh” the words “rupees two lakhs” shall be substituted.

8. In section 157 of the principal Act, after the existing proviso, the following proviso shall be added, namely :—

Amendment
of section 157
of Mah. XXIV
of 1961.

“Provided further that, the State Government shall not exempt any society or class of societies from the provisions made under section 73 CB.”.

MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE
SECRETARIAT

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Minister for Co-operation.]

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