Explanatory Memorandum

The object of this Bill is to amend the Constitution to provide for a minimum number of candidates for election to local authorities to be of a particular sex, with a view to ensuring adequate representation of each sex on a local authority.

2. The opportunity has been taken to amend the relevant definitions in the Constitution, in the light of the provisions of the Local Government Bill.

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(aa) for a minimum number of candidates for election to local authorities to be of a particular sex, with a view to ensuring adequate representation of each sex on a local authority;

3. **Section 111 of Constitution amended**

Section 111 of the Constitution is amended, in subsection (1) –

(a) by deleting the definition of “local authority” and replacing it by the following definition –

“local authority” means –

(a) the Municipal Council of any city or town;
(b) the District Council of any district;
(c) the Village Council of any village; or
(d) any new local authority created under any enactment;

(b) in the definition of “local government officer”, by deleting the words “Mayor, Chairman” and replacing them by the words “Lord Mayor, Mayor, Chairperson”.

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