

THE TOWNS (AMENDMENT) ACT (1947)

Burma Act LXVI
8 November 1947

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. For sub-section (2) and (3) or section 5 of the Towns Act the following sub-sections shall be substituted:-

“(2) The Deputy Commissioner shall appoint a person to be headman of a ward and may appoint persons to be elders of a block. Where there are more suitable candidates than the appointments to be made, the Deputy Commissioner shall be guided in his choice by the wishes of the inhabitants of the ward or block concerned to be ascertained by means of an election:

Provided that the Deputy Commissioner shall not be bound to accept the candidature of any person whom, on grounds to be recorded in writing, he considers for any reason to be unsuitable:

Provided also that the Deputy Commissioner shall not be bound by the results of the election where the candidate:

(a) owed his election to the exercise of undue influence of intimidation or corrupt practices;
or

(b) cannot furnish such security as is or may be prescribed in this behalf.

No person shall be eligible to be a headman or a ward or elder of a block unless he is eligible to vote.

(3) The Deputy Commissioner may delegate to a Subdivisional Officer or Township Officer by name the duty of holding the election referred to in sub-section (2).

(4) (a) The headman of a ward or elder of a block so appointed shall hold office for a period of five years, but shall be eligible for re-election.

(b) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, the Deputy Commissioner may, in the case of a headman of a ward or elder of a block appointed in his jurisdiction prior to the commencement of the Towns (Amendment) Act, 1947, by three months' notice in writing to the headman or elder concerned, terminate the appointment of such headman or elder with effect from the date to be mentioned in the notice.”