

**THE AZAD KASHMIR LOCAL BODIES ELECTION
PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) ACT OF 1953.**

(Passed under Council Order No. 185/53 dated 7-4-1953).

Whereas it is expedient to provide a summary procedure for the holding of elections to local bodies, it is hereby enacted as follows :-

1. (i) This Act may be called the Azad Kashmir Local Bodies Election Procedure (Amendment) Act of 1953.

(ii) This Act shall apply to all Local Bodies constituted or that may be constituted in Azad Kashmir and shall come into force at once.
2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context :-

'Local Bodies' shall mean District Boards, Municipal Committees, Town Area Committees and Village Panchayat Committees constituted under any Law for the time being in force.
3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any Law or Rules for the time being in force relating to local bodies regarding the mode of holding elections the Government may direct that elections of members to a local body shall be held in such manner as it may, by order, direct.
4. No proceeding or action of a local body shall be called in question in any court for the reason that there was some defect or irregularity in the holding of elections.
5. The Government may authorise the Deputy Commissioner of a District to take all steps for the holding of elections to local bodies and also to issue such orders and notifications as are necessary in this behalf.