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**ELECTION LAWS (FILLING OF VACANCIES
IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY)**

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AN ACT to provide for the filling of vacancies in the National Assembly where the seats of all the members of a particular list and of members elected by certain Regional Democratic Councils became vacant.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

A. D. 1998

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Election Laws (Filling of Vacancies in the National Assembly) Act 1998.

Interpretation

2. In this Act “the relevant list” means the list in which is included the names of the members of the National Assembly, the seats of all of whom have become vacant.

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3. Notwithstanding anything in the Representation of the People Act or in any other written law, where the provisions of section 98 of the Representation of the People Act have been complied with by the person referred to in paragraph (a), or (b) or by the persons referred to in paragraph (c) thereof and the Chief Election Officer has made the declaration regarding the names of the candidates on the relevant list who have been elected as members of the National Assembly and where the seats of such members have become vacant for any cause other than a dissolution of Parliament the vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the procedure laid down in section 98 and the other relevant provisions of the said Act, every person on the relevant list being eligible for extraction under the provisions of this section.

Amendment of section 42 of the Local Democratic Organs Act

4. Section 42(2) of the Local Democratic Organs Act shall be read and construed as if for the words -

“Any such vacancy shall be filled by such other member of that council as is not a member of the Congress but” there were substituted the words

“Any such vacancy shall be filled by such member of that council including the member whose seat on the Congress became vacant and.”.

Act. No. 12 of 1980

5. This Act shall cease to have effect when the vacancies in relation to the particular relevant list of candidates have been filled and members, including those elected by the Regional Democratic Councils have assumed their seats in the National Assembly or on 31st July, 1998, whichever date is earlier.