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The following alterations in Nos. 4 and 5 of the rules for the election of Chairmen of municipal councils framed under section 250 (1) (b) of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, are published under section 256 (1) of the said Act; and notice is hereby given that any objection or suggestion which may be made in respect of these alterations by any person interested therein will be considered on or after the 1st April next:—

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(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To all Chairmen of Municipal Councils.
To all Collectors,
To the Superintendent, Government Press.
Gazette.

Ed. A. F. Eccleston.

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Draft rules for the election of Vice-Chairmen of Municipal Councils.

Ordering the publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and in all the *District Gazettes*, for information and criticism, of certain — framed under clause 3 of section 14 and clause (n) of sub-section (1) of section 250, of the District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897; and stating that any objection or suggestion which may be made in respect of them will be considered on or after the 1st August next.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

ORDER—No. 1473 M., dated 24th June 1897.

The following draft rules for the election of Vice-Chairmen of Municipal Councils framed under clause 3 of section 14 and clause (n) of sub-section (1) of section 250 of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, will be published for information and criticism, with the accompanying notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and in all the *District Gazettes* :—

NOTIFICATION.

The following rules framed under sub-section 3 of section 14 and clause (n) of sub-section (1) of section 250 of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, are published under sub-section (1) of section 256 for information and criticism. Any objection or suggestion which may be made in respect of these rules by any person or persons interested in them will be considered on or after the 1st August next.

RULES.

The election of Vice-Chairman in any municipality shall take place at a meeting of the council specially held for the purpose, of which at least fifteen days' and not more than thirty days' notice shall be given by the Collector.

2. No election under these rules will be recognized as valid unless the successful candidate obtains the votes of more than half the total number of members then on the council.

3. Every candidate for the office of Vice-Chairman shall be nominated by at least two councillors in the following form, which shall be sent to the Chairman at least six days before the date of the meeting at which the Vice-Chairman is to be elected :—

Municipality of _____

We, the undersigned, nominate _____, a councillor, as a candidate for the office of Vice-Chairman at the election to be held on the _____ day of _____ 189 ____.

Date _____

(Signed) _____

4. On the day of the election, the Chairman, or the councillor elected to the chair, shall read out the names of the candidates nominated for the office, and at once proceed to the election, which shall be conducted in the following manner :—Every councillor wishing to vote shall at the meeting write on a slip of paper the name of the candidate he wishes to be elected to the office of Vice-Chairman, and place the same in a box so constructed that papers may be placed therein but not extracted without the box being opened. The Chairman shall then open the box and count the votes in the presence of the council. The candidate having the largest number of votes, or, if only one candidate has been nominated, such candidate, shall be considered to have been elected to the office, subject to the condition laid down in Rule 2 above. If no candidate obtains the absolute majority required by Rule 2, a second ballot shall be taken in the same manner, and if this also fails to produce the prescribed majority in favour of any one candidate, the meeting shall be adjourned. No vote given by any candidate in favour of himself shall be counted.

5. Nominations made for the original meeting shall hold good for every adjourned meeting, but fresh nominations may also be put in, provided the conditions of Rule 3 are complied with. Notice of an adjourned meeting must be given under Rule 1 in the same way as for an original meeting.

6. If, after three meetings have been held, no candidate has obtained the majority of votes required by Rule 2, the fact shall be reported (through the Collector) to Government, who shall pass such orders on the matter as they may think fit, and all such orders shall be final.

7. Immediately after each meeting, the proceedings shall be submitted to the Collector with the names of all the councillors who attended the same. No election shall be considered valid until fifteen days after the meeting at which it shall have been held.

8. The validity of any election may be questioned by a petition signed by three or more councillors, and submitted to the Collector within seven days after such election. Upon the receipt of such petition the Collector shall proceed to inquire, either himself or by the divisional officer in charge of the division in which such municipality is situated, into the matters alleged therein.

Provided that the validity of an election shall only be contested upon one or more of the following grounds, viz.—

- (a) that fraud, intimidation or bribery was practised at such election ;
- (b) that the person whose election is questioned was, on the day of the election, not qualified as a candidate ;
- (c) that he was not duly elected by a majority of votes ;
- (d) that the election was not held in accordance with the rules.

9. When seven days from the date of the election have expired, or, if any such petition as is described in the last preceding rule has been received, then, upon the conclusion of the inquiry into the matters alleged therein, the Collector shall report the proceedings, together with his opinion, to Government, who shall pass such orders as they may think fit, and all such orders shall be final.

2. The required number of copies of this notification in English will be printed at the Government Press and supplied to the Collectors for circulation with the District Gazettes.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To all Chairmen of Municipal Councils.
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