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AN ACT TO MAKE SPECIAL PROVISIONS REGARDING THE USE OF REGISTERS OF ELECTORS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ELECTIONS HELD OR DUE TO BE HELD UNDER THE CEYLON (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) ORDER IN COUNCIL, 1946, TO FILL VACANCIES IN THE SEATS OF THE MEMBERS FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS OF RATGAMA AND KURUNEGALA WHICH OCCURRED AFTER THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION HELD UNDER THAT ORDER IN COUNCIL BEFORE THE DATE OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THIS ACT.

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BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Parliamentary Elections (Special Provisions) Act, No. 11 of 1961.

Short title.

2. For the resolution of doubts, it is hereby declared that—

Special provisions regarding the use of registers of electors in respect of certain elections.

(a) the new register of electors for the electoral district of Ratgama, or the electoral district of Kurunegala, shall be deemed at all times to have been, and to be, the register of electors which should have been, and shall be, used for the purposes of any election held, being held, or to be held, under the Order in Council to fill a vacancy in the seat of a Member for that electoral district which occurred after the last general election of Members under the Order in Council prior to the date of commencement of this Act but before such register was certified as required by the Order in Council ; and

(b) the provisions of the Order in Council shall, in their application in the case of such register and the election to fill such vacancy, be deemed at all times to have had, and to have, effect

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subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section.

Section 2 to have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Order in Council.

Interpretation.

3. The provisions of section 2 shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Order in Council.

4. In this Act—

(a) the expressions “electoral district”, “Member”, and “register of electors”, shall have the same meanings respectively as in the Order in Council ;

(b) “last general election” means the general election of Members of Parliament which was held on July 20, 1960, as required by the Proclamation published by the Governor-General in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 12,115 of April 23, 1960, under Section 15 of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council, 1946, and Section 27 of the Order in Council ;

(c) the expression “new register of electors”, in relation to the electoral district of Ratgama, or the electoral district of Kurunegala, means the register of electors for that district which, having been prepared under sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Order in Council and certified as required by the Order in Council, was in operation on January 1, 1961, by virtue of the provisions of the Order in Council ; and

(d) “Order in Council” means the Ceylon (Parliamentary Elections) Order in Council, 1946, as amended from time to time.