THE CROATIAN PARLIAMENT

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Pursuant to Article 89 of the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia, I hereby issue the following

DECISION

PROMULGATING THE ACT ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT ON LOCAL ELECTIONS

I hereby promulgate the Act on Amendments to the Act on Local Elections, passed by the Croatian Parliament at its session on 15 December 2020.

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Zagreb, 17 December 2020

The President of the Republic of Croatia **Zoran Milanović,** m.p.

ACT

ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT ON LOCAL ELECTIONS

Article 1

In the Act on Local Elections (Official Gazette 144/12, 121/16, 98/19 and 42/20), in Article 1 paragraph 1, after the words "deputy" the words "in local and regional self-government units where deputies are elected in accordance with the provisions of the act governing local and regional self-government" are added.

Article 2

In Article 3, paragraph 2, the words: "their deputies" are replaced by the words "deputies of mayors and county prefects", and the words: "for at least six months" are deleted.

Article 3

In Article 7, paragraph 8, the words: "municipality head" in the appropriate cases are deleted.

Article 4

In Article 8, paragraph 4 is amended to read:

"By way of derogation from paragraph 3 of this Article, the term of office of the municipality head, mayor and county prefect and deputy mayor and county prefect dismissed by the Government of the Republic of Croatia shall last until the entry into force of the decision of the Government of the Republic of Croatia on the dismissal or the simultaneous dissolving of the representative body and dismissal of the municipality head, mayor or county prefect."

Article 5

In the heading above Article 12, the words: "their deputies" are replaced by the words: "deputies of mayors and county prefects".

In Article 12, paragraph 1, the words: "their deputies" are replaced by the words "deputies of mayors and county prefects".

Article 6

In the heading above Article 19, the words: "their deputies" are replaced by the words "deputies of mayors and county prefects".

In Article 19, paragraph 1 is amended to read:

- "(1) The candidacy for municipality head and mayor who does not have a deputy elected together with him or her, the name and surname of the candidate for municipality head or mayor, their residence, date of birth, personal identification number (OIB) and gender shall be given." After paragraph 1, a new paragraph 2 is added, which reads:
- "(2) The candidacy for mayor with a deputy elected together with him or her and the county prefect, the name and surname of the candidate for mayor and county prefect and their deputies, their residence, date of birth, personal identification number (OIB) and gender shall be given." The former paragraphs 2 and 3 become paragraphs 3 and 4.

Article 7

In Article 25, paragraph 1, the words: "their deputies" are replaced by the words "deputies of mayors and county prefects".

In paragraph 4, the words: "municipality head" are hereby deleted.

Article 8

In Article 26, paragraph 1, subparagraph 2, the words: "and their deputies" are replaced by the words: "deputies of and mayors and county prefects".

Article 9

In Article 51, items 1, 4 and 5, the word: "his deputies" is replaced by the words: "his or her deputy".

Article 10

In Article 52, items 1, 3, 4 and 9, the words: "his/her deputy" are replaced by the words: "his or her deputy".

Article 11

In Article 53, items 1, 3 and 4, the words: "their deputies" are replaced by the words: "his or her deputy".

In item 8, the words: "his/her deputies" are replaced by the words: "deputy county prefect". In items 9 and 10, the words: "their deputies" are replaced by the words: "deputy mayor".

Article 12

In Article 78, paragraph 3, the words: "his/her" are replaced by other Croatian words, with no relevance to the English translation.

After paragraph 3, the following paragraph 4 is added which reads:

"(4) A member of the representative body of a local self-government unit may not at the same time be a temporary deputy municipality head, or deputy mayor who acts as deputy municipality head or mayor during a long absence or other reasons of impediment due to which the municipality head or mayor whose term has not ceased is unable to perform his or her duties."

Article 13

In Article 79, after paragraph 3, a new paragraph 4 is added which reads:

"(4) A member of the representative body of a local self-government unit appointed by the municipality head or mayor as temporary deputy municipality head or temporary deputy mayor shall have his or her term of office suspended by force of law from the day the municipality head or mayor is prevented from performing his or her duties due to absence or other reasons of impediment."

The former paragraph 4 becomes paragraph 5.

In the former paragraph 5, which becomes paragraph 6, the number "4" is replaced by the number: "5".

The former paragraph 6 becomes paragraph 7.

In the former paragraph 7, which becomes paragraph 8, the number: "6" is replaced by the number: "7".

The former paragraphs 8 and 9 become paragraphs 9 and 10.

After the former paragraph 10, which becomes paragraph 11, paragraph 12 is added, which reads:

"(12) Exceptionally, the restriction referred to in paragraph 11 of this Article shall not apply in the case of continuing to perform the duties of a member of the representative body whose term of office had been suspended for the reason stipulated in paragraph 4 of this Article."

Article 14

In Article 87, paragraph 1 is amended to read:

"(1) The constituent session of the representative body of the unit shall be convened by the head of the administrative body responsible for the affairs of the representative body or an official authorised by him or her. If the head of the administrative body responsible for the affairs of the representative body or an official authorised to perform the duties of that head is not appointed in the unit, the constituent session shall be convened by the head of the state administration body responsible for local and regional self-government or a person authorised by him or her."

Article 15

In the heading above Article 88, the words: "THEIR DEPUTIES" are replaced by the words: "DEPUTY MAYORS AND COUNTY PREFECTS".

Article 16

In Article 94, paragraph 1, the words: "their deputies" are replaced by the words: "deputy mayors and county prefects".

Article 17

In Article 100, paragraph 1, subparagraph 2, the words: "and their deputies" are replaced by the words: "and deputy mayors and county prefects".

Article 18

In Article 102, paragraph 1, subparagraph 4, the words: "and their deputies" are replaced by the words: "and deputy mayor and county prefect".

Article 19

In Article 107, paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are hereby deleted.

The former paragraph 8, which becomes paragraph 3, is amended to read:

"(3) In order to achieve adequate representation of national minorities in the representative body, the Government of the Republic of Croatia shall call additional elections for representatives of national minorities within 90 days of the constitution of the unit's representative body, in which case the number of members may be even."

Article 20

In Article 112, paragraph 3, the words: "at least six months" are hereby deleted.

Article 21

In Article 117, paragraph 2, after the word: "election", the word: "deputy" is added.

Article 22

This Act shall enter into force on the first day from the day of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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The President of the

Croatian Parliament

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