

WEST BENGAL PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2022

Registered No. WB/SC-247 U(ülkatä No. (ßa;ette KARTIKA 10] Extraordinary Published by Authority TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022 PART III—Acts of the West Bengal Legislature. GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL LAW DEPARTMENT Legislative NOTIFICATION [SAKA 1944 No. 1042-L.—Ist November, 2022.—The following Act of the West Bengal Legislature, having been assented to by the Governor, is hereby published for general information:— Short title and commencement. West Bengal Act X of 2022 THE WEST BENGAL PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2022. [Passed by the West Bengal Legislature.] [Assent of the Governor was first published in the Kolkata Gazette, Extraordinary, Of the 1st November, 2022.] An Act to amend the West Bengal Panchayat Elections Act, 2003. WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the West Bengal Panchayat Elections Act, 2003, West Ben. Act for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter appearing; XXI of 2003. It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-third Year of the Republic of India, by the Legislature of West Bengal, as follows:— 1. (1) This Act may be called the West Bengal Panchayat Elections (Amendment) Act, 2022. 2 Substitution of new section for section 12 of West Ben. Act XXI of 2003. Amendment of section 14. THE KOLKATA GAZETTE, EXTRAORDINARY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022 The West Bengal Panchayat Elections (Amendment) Act, 2022. (Sections 2, 3.) (2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint

2. For section 12 of the West Bengal Panchayat Elections Act, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), the following section shall be substituted:—12. Subject to the provision of sub-section (2) of section 4 of " Total number of members in a the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973, the prescribed authority shall Gram Panchayat. determine the total number of members to be elected to a Gram Panchayat on the following basis, namely:— (i) in the hill areas, one member for seven hundred voters and one additional member for every fraction thereof; (ii) in the case of other areas, one member for every nine hundred voters and one additional member for every fraction thereof."

3. In section 14 of the principal Act, for sub-section (I), the following sub-section shall be substituted:—"(I) The number of members to be elected to a Panchayat Samiti from a Gram in hill areas shall be— (i) one, if the number of voters in such Gram is 3000, or less; (ii) two, if the number of voters in such Gram is more than 3000 and less than 6001; and (iii) three, if the number of voters in such Gram is 6001 and above.". [PART 111 West Ben. Act XLI of 1973. By order of the Governor, PRADIP KUMAR PANJA, Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal, Law Department. published by Law Department, Government of West Bengal and Printed at Saraswat Press Ltd.(Government of West Bengal Enterprise), Kolkata 700 056.