

THE
**KARNATAKA GRAM SWARAJ AND
PANCHAYAT RAJ (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2022**

[ACT No. 19 of 2022]

(Received the assent of Governor on the 4th day of April, 2022)

An Act further to amend the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, 1993.

Whereas, it is expedient further to amend the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, 1993 (Karnataka Act 14 of 1993) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the seventy third year of the Republic of India, as follows.–

1. Short title and commencement.–(1) This Act may be called *the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Act, 2022*.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Section 12.–In Section 12 of the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, 1993 (Karnataka Act 14 of 1993) (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act), after clause (d) the following shall be inserted, namely.–

“(d-1) if he has been subject to compulsory retirement or removal or dismissal from the service of the Central Government or the State Government; or.

(d-2) if he has been subject to compulsory retirement or removal or dismissal from the service of the Co-operative Society and institutions or if, he has been removed from the post of Chairperson and membership of the Co-operative society and institutions; or,”

3. Amendment of Section 121.–For Section 121 of the Principal Act, the following shall be substituted, namely.–

“**121. Elected Members.**–The number of elected members of a Taluk Panchayath as far as possible shall consist of members elected from

the territorial constituencies in the Taluk as may be notified from time to time by the Government on the basis of rural population or thereof, as below,-

- (i) Taluks having a rural population exceeding two lakhs, there shall be one elected member for every population of not less than twelve thousand;
- (ii) Taluks having a rural population exceeding one lakh, but not exceeding two lakhs there shall be one elected member for every population of not less than ten thousand and there shall be a minimum of eleven elected members;
- (iii) Taluks having a rural population exceeding fifty thousand but not exceeding one lakh, there shall be a minimum of nine elected members; and
- (iv) Taluks having a rural population less than fifty thousand, there shall be a minimum of seven elected members."

4. Amendment of Section 128.—In Section 128 of the Principal Act, in sub-section (1), after Clause (e), the following shall be inserted, namely.—

- “(e-1) if he has been subject to compulsory retirement or removal or dismissal from the service of the Central Government or the State Government; or.”
- (e-2) if he has been subject to compulsory retirement or removal or dismissal from the service of the Co-operative Society and institutions or if, he has been removed from the post of Chairperson and membership of the Co-operative society and institutions; or,”

5. Amendment of Section 160.—In Section 160 of the Principal Act, for the proviso, the following shall be substituted, namely.—

“Provided that, in case of Chikkamagalur (excluding Tarikere, Kaduru, Ajjampura Taluks) Uttara Kannada and Kodagu Districts it shall be one member for every rural population between eighteen thousand to twenty five thousand or part thereof.”

6. Amendment of Section 167.—In Section 167 of the Principal Act, in sub-section (1), after clause (d), the following shall be inserted, namely.—

- “(d-1) if he has been subject to compulsory retirement or removal or dismissal from the service of the Central Government or the State Government; or.”
- (d-2) “if he has been subject to compulsory retirement or removal or dismissal from the service of the Co-operative Society and institutions or if, he has been removed from the post of Chairperson and membership of the Co-operative society and institutions; or,”

7. Amendment of Section 308-AB.—In Section 308-AB of the Principal Act, in sub section (1), for the words “As soon as the notification of election to elect a member is issued, the Returning Officer shall, by notification in the Official Gazette, notify,” the words “On publication of the schedule of election to elect the members is published by the State Election Commission, the Deputy Commissioner shall by notification in the Official Gazette, notify.” shall be substituted.

8. Amendment of Section 310.—In Section 310 of the Principal Act,—

- (i) in sub-section (2), for Clauses (a) and (b) the following shall be substituted, namely.—
- “(a) The Minister in charge of the concerned District-Chair-person
- (b) The Adhyaksha of the Zilla Panchayat-Co-Chairperson
- (b-1) The Mayor or the President of the concerned City Corporation or Municipalities at the District head quarters - Vice-Chairperson”
- (ii) sub-section (5) shall be omitted.

9. Amendment of Section 310-B.—In Section 310-B of the Principal Act, in sub-section (2), in the table, after serial number “3” and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be inserted, namely.—

3-A	Special Invitee	Vice-Chairperson of the Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission.
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