

Amendment
of section 5
of Act No. 1
of 2004.

1. Section 5 of the Local Government Act, 2004 is hereby repealed and replaced by the following new section -

“Period for elections. 5. (1) Elections to a local council shall be conducted every four years:

Provided that where local council elections are due under subsection (1), but localities have not been divided into wards in accordance with Regulation 2 of the Wards (Boundary Delimitation) Regulations, 2008, the President shall by Statutory Instrument and on the recommendation of the Electoral Commission, direct that such elections be postponed.

(2) Where local council elections are postponed under subsection (2), the tenure of the Councillors shall not be extended beyond the date of the next general or Presidential elections.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The object of the Bill is to amend the Local Government Act, 2004 to provide for the postponement of local council elections where localities have not been divided into wards in accordance with Regulation 2 of the Wards (Boundary Delimitation) Regulations, 2008 (Constitutional Instrument No.2 of 2008) so as to afford the Electoral Commission time to undertake wards boundary delimitation and for other related matters.

MADE this 25th day of April, 2016.

MAYA KAIKAI,
*Minister of Local Government and
Rural Development.*

No.

2016



Sierra Leone

A BILL ENTITLED

The Local Government (Amendment) Act, 2016

Short title.

Being an Act to amend the Local Government Act, 2004 to provide for the postponement of local council elections and for other related matters.

[] Date of commencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled.