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#### **An Act to make provision for local government in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.**

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S.I. 46/1999  
S.I. 47/1999  
S.I. 71/2002  
S.I. 43/2005  
5 of 2008  
20 of 2008<sup>2</sup>  
S.I. 56/2008*

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Government Act.

Short title.

### PART I PRELIMINARY

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —  
“Assistant Administrator” means a person appointed under section 37 as an Assistant Family Island Administrator;  
“board” means a board appointed by a Council pursuant to the provisions of section 14(1)(a) or (3)(a)(i), as the case may be;  
“Chairman” means the person elected, under subsection (2) of section 8, as chairman of a town committee;  
“Chief Councillor” means the person elected, under subsection (1) of section 11, as Chief Councillor of a Council;  
“committee member” means a member elected to a town committee under the provisions of this Act;  
“constituency” has the meaning assigned thereto in Article 68 of the Constitution;  
“Council” or “District Council” means a District Council established under the provisions of this Act;

Interpretation.

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<sup>2</sup> This Act related only to a 2008 election and has expired.