

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS:
A REVIEW ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1976**

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ABSTRACT

The local government election was suspended on 1965 due to the Indonesia-Malaysia confrontation in 1964 and it has never been reintroduced since then. The Local Government Election 1965 was changed to Local Government Act 1971. Under the Act, the state government appoints local government members. This research will focus on the appointment of councillors. Some people argued on the reviving of the local government elections to sustain their right in electing their representatives. Therefore, this research aims to analyze the problems with the current system of appointment of councillors. This research also includes a few recommendations that may be taken into consideration to curb the issues at hand.

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.0 Introduction

This research proposal will focus on the study of the appointment of the Councillors of local authority as provided in the Local Government Act 1976. The appointment system which is currently applied in Malaysia will be compared to the election system in the United Kingdom. It is divided into ten elements, namely the research background, problem statement, research objectives, research methodology, scope of study, limitation, significance, literature review, Gantt Chart, and references. We will first explain the research background, touching on the current system of appointment of Councillors based on the Act which governs the matter followed by the history of existence of the local government election up to its suspension in 1965. This is followed by the problem statements, explaining the current system of appointment of the Councillors and the problem that needs to be reviewed. After the research objectives in which the aim of the research is laid down, research methodology describes how we plan to carry out the research in completing it. The subject matter and the context of the research will then be further explained in the scope of study, followed by the limitation in which possible difficulties that might arise in carrying out the research and the solution are discussed. Afterwards, the significance of the research is explained, followed by the literature review. The literature review shall discuss the concept, legal aspect and the theories in regards to the research. In wrapping out the research proposal, list of references will be included, along with a Gantt Chart as an indicator of our working time plan.

1.1 Research Background

‘Councillors’ in general is a member of a local government council, such as city council. However, the term as defined in section 2¹ is “any person appointed under this Act to serve on the local authority and includes the Mayor or President thereof.” The

¹ Local Government Act (1976)(Act 171).