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Granting of No-Pay Leave to Officers Entitled to the Exercise of Political Rights Who Contest the Local Government Elections and Are Elected as Deputy Mayors / Vice Chairmen

Your attention is drawn to Public Administration Circular 12/2021 dated 25.06.2021, issued amending Subsection 2:3:4 of Chapter XXXII of the Establishments Code.

02. A decision has been taken at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 22.06.2026 to amend the provisions related to granting leave for officers entitled to the exercise of political rights who are elected as Deputy Mayors or Vice Chairmen after contesting local government elections.

03. Accordingly, Subsection 2:3:4 of Chapter XXXII of the Establishments Code is amended by including the following new Subsection 2:3:4:1.

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2:3:4:1 However, an officer who is appointed as a Deputy Mayor / Vice Chairman of a local government institution may obtain 06 days of leave with pay per month or may opt for no-pay leave for the duration of his term of office at his discretion.”

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