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The mind is very difficult to see, very delicate and subtle; it moves and lan pleases. The wise one should guard his mind, for a guarded mind brings ha

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BY KELUM BANDARA

The holding of elections to the nine local bodies in the Batticaloa District in March next year has hit a legal snag because of the introduction of a new electoral system,

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polls observers said yesterday.

When the two bills that provide for a new electoral system were

passed in Parliament, an amendment was incorpora-

ted to enable the authorities to conduct the local government elections to Puthukudyiruppu and Maritime Pattu Pradeshiya Sabhas under the preferential

voting system.

An amendment was incorporated to enable LG elections to be conducted in **Batticaloa** under the preferential voting system

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Oct 10, 2012: The Local Authorities Election Amendment Bill and the Local Authorities Special Provisions Bill, which elect 70% of the people's representatives under the electorate Proportional system, and 30% under the

preferential vote system, were passed Representation in the parliament without vote today.



These new bills will completely abolish the preferential votes system, and introduce a mixed system. Introducing of the Multi Member Electorates, Establishing of Elections Determining Commissions, and providing an opportunity to appoint representatives on the defeated votes, are the changes included in the new bill.

Minister A.H.M. Athaullah has told parliament that elections to the Puthukudiyiruppu and Maritime Pattu Pradeshiya Sabhas in the Mullaitivu District would be held under the old electoral system.

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