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An Act relating to the Legal Restrictions and Guidelines on the
Conduct of Ministers and Ministers of State during Electoral
Periods.

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- 1. Short Title** This Act may be known as the *Caretaker Act of 326 AS*.
- 2. Introduction** In Sarovia's democratic framework, the convention for the Imperial Parliament's mandate and legitimacy hinges on its ability to maintain the confidence of the House of Commons. However, during the period following the dissolution of Parliament for an election, there exists no elected chamber to confer such confidence upon the Government. This absence necessitates clarification to allow the Government to be put into "caretaker mode".
- 3. Caretaker Definition**

The Caretaker period of government shall refer to the period where an incumbent government, approved by convention or by selection by His Imperial Majesty, acts in a restrained manner to continue the functions of all routine government matters in the public interest.

Routine government matters shall refer to actions that are necessary and required to ensure the ordinary operation of His Imperial Majesty's Government, with the exclusion of the introduction of any new legislation, or significant expenditures.
- 4. Caretaker Mode**

Caretaker mode shall begin when:

 - a) His Imperial Majesty confirms that any general election has been called and writs have been issued; or a state of general inactivity is required such as extended holiday breaks and prorogations and such a state of inactivity has been authorised by His Imperial Majesty; or the successful passing of a motion of no confidence; and
 - b) Ministers and Ministers of State have confirmed they will retain their offices for the duration of the writs.

Caretaker mode shall end when:

 - a) The electoral writs have been returned and the new or incumbent Government has sworn the Oath of Allegiance, or His Imperial Majesty has delivered his Speech from the Throne to end a period of prorogation, or such a state of inactivity has been rendered over by His Imperial Majesty; and
 - b) New Ministers and Ministers of State have been appointed by His Imperial Majesty.

No member of the Caretaker Government may, at any moment during caretaker mode, use their office for partisan activities.
- 5. Preliminary Steps** When the Government enters caretaker mode for the purposes of a general election, the following procedures will immediately be implemented:
 - a) All Members of Parliament, barring Ministers and Ministers of State, will be barred from exercising the duties of Member of Parliament or any affairs of state for the duration of the writ period, notwithstanding writs of *pur sumeniros*;

- b) Ministers and Ministers of State shall decide through Privy Council confidentiality to appoint one member of the Supreme Court, or barring availability, any justice, to take the Oath of Allegiance to become the *amministorizo imperial* (Imperial Administrator); and
- c) Proceed to act under the provisions in Section 7 of this Act.

When the Government enters caretaker mode for purposes unrelated to general elections, the following procedures will be immediately implemented:

- d) All Members of Parliament, barring Ministers and Ministers of State, shall *not* be barred from exercising the duties of Member of Parliament or any affairs of state for the duration of the writ period but there shall be no sessions of the House of Commons; and
- e) Ministers and Ministers of State shall proceed to act under the provisions in Section 7 of this Act.

6. Amministorizo Imperial

Upon being sworn in as the *amministorizo imperial*, a member of the Courts is now responsible for the administration of the government. During the Caretaker period, all actions done by the Ministers and Ministers of State serving in their respective portfolios must be countersigned by the *amministorizo imperial*, including all actions available to them by RDCs, summoning Parliament to reconvene in times of emergency (through a writ of *pur sumeniros*), and handling appropriations and release or collection of money, acting in the capacity of the President of the Treasury Board.

7. Conduct Becoming of the Caretaker Government

It is the responsibility of the *amministorizo imperial* to ensure that all incumbent members of the Caretaker Government are operating in accordance with the provisions laid out in this section.

All members of the Government during a Caretaker Period shall:

- a) Exercise restraint in all matters of policy, expenditure and appointments save in situations and examples where such expenditure or implementation of policies or appointments are critical for the continuation of good government;
- b) Conduct government activities that are only:
 - i) Routine in nature;
 - ii) Non-controversial nor partisan;
 - iii) Urgent and necessary to protect public interest, peace, order and good government;
 - iv) Reversible without undue cost or disruption by subsequent administrations; or
 - v) Agreed to by the *amministorizo imperial*.

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