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Council Chair poll: Horatti, Naseer to file nominations

BENGALURU, DHNS: JD(S)
MLC Basavaraj Horatti
and Congress MLC Naseer
Ahmed are expected to file
nominations for the Legislative Council Chairman post,
on Monday. Election for the
Chairman post is scheduled
for Tuesday.

Horatti, who is backed by the ruling BJP is projected to be the next Chairman of the Council, following the resignation of Pratapchandra Shetty, a Congress MLC. Shetty resigned after BJP - which is currently the single largest party in the Council-moved a no-confidence motion against him.

The BJP-JD(S) combine has 43 members in 75-member Council. On January 29, BJP's M K Pranesh, backed by the JD(S), was elected deputy chairman of the Council. Pranesh defeated Congress nominee K C Kondaiah. The election to the post was necessitated due to the untimely demise of JDS' S L Dharmegowda, who was found dead on railway tracks near Kadur.