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## House okays new BBMP Bill

**City will have 2  
mayors; separate  
law for B'uru  
replaces KMC Act**

BENGALURU, DHNS

**T**he Legislative Assembly on Thursday passed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Bill, which promises a new governance structure for the city besides increasing its municipal area.

At present, Bengaluru is governed under the Karna-

taka Municipal Corporations Act. That the city should get a separate law was a long-pending demand.

The Bill, drafted by a joint select committee, was passed with the Opposition benches empty as the Congress had decided to boycott the proceedings whereas the JD(S) did not

show up.

The Bill proposes "constituency consultative committees", which are expected to give MI. As more say in the way the city is run.

Piloting the Bill, Law Minister J C Madhuswamy said Bengaluru needed a separate law as the city had become un-

### Rainwater harvesting must

The BBMP Bill proposes to make rainwater harvesting mandatory for properties located on sites measuring 60x40 and above, Law Minister J C Madhuswamy said. "Such properties will be required to store rainwater and help solve the city's water problems. Earlier, the proposal was to make it mandatory for everybody. But, we have confined this to 60x40 sites and above," he said.

wieldy.

"Much has changed since the last delimitation was done. We are not able to define what is BBMP and what is a gram panchayat or a town panchayat," he said.

"On par with the rising population and area, we want to provide good administration for the city," he added.

Once the Bill becomes a law, Bengaluru will have two mayors in five years -- each one getting a 30-month tenure. At present, a mayor has a one-year term.

The Bill proposes to divide the city into zones -- up to 15 -- and each one will have a committee.

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"Earlier, there were zonal commissioners. Now, each zone will have a committee that will be responsible for execution of works. They will be empowered to solve problems under their jurisdiction," Madhuswamy said, adding that the existing standing committees will continue.

"The Constituency Consultative Committee will be headed by the local MLA and have members including those from residents' welfare associations.

"This committee will aid the zonal committees, review their functioning, monitor implementation of works and look at how wards that are backward can be developed,"

Madhuswamy explained.

The bill will result in de-limitation and the number of wards in the city will go up from 198 to 243. The city's municipal area will also expand to cover a 1-km radius of the existing boundary, which is expected to consume outlying villages and suburbs.

"There was some confusion on this. What if there are villages just 100-400 metres away from the 1-km radius? Such places can be brought under the municipal limits by way of a separate notification," Madhuswamy said.

The bill has received flak for lack of public consultation during its drafting. Also, it is largely seen as the BJP government's ploy to delay elections to the BBMP.

### What does the bill say?

- 30-month tenure for mayor, deputy mayor
- 225-250 wards, but the government has finalised on 243
- Increase BBMP area to cover 1-km radius from existing boundary
- Divide city into zones, up to 15 of them
- Zonal committee headed by a councillor for decentralised decision-making
- Constituency Consultative Committee headed by local MLA
- Councillors elected as MLA, MLC or MP should retain either one of the posts
- Power to collect fee on advertisements
- Power to levy entertainment tax
- Power to stop dangerous quarrying in BBMP limits
- Creation of Urban Transport Fund
- Grievance Redressal Authority to handle complaints
- BBMP to anchor disaster management efforts