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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT (No. 4)**

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BILL NO.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

1. **1. (1) Clause 85(1)(a) of the *Municipal Government Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-12.1, is amended by the deletion of the words “in the municipality”.**
2. **(2) Section 85 of the Act is amended by the addition of the following after subsection (2):**
3. **Exception**
4. (3) The council of a municipality that
 - (a) has been established under section 21 despite the fact that it does not meet the criteria specified in subsection 13(1); or
 - (b) has been continued or restructured as a rural municipality,may, by resolution,
 - (c) designate a place outside the municipality as its municipal office; and
 - (d) despite clause (2)(b), determine that the municipal office shall be open to serve the public for less than twenty hours each week.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SECTION 1 amends section 85 of the Act to remove a requirement in clause 85(1)(a) that the municipal office be located in the municipality, and also adds a new subsection 85(3) that creates an exception from a requirement in subsection 85(2) related to the municipal office in a municipality that does not meet the requirements of subsection 13(1) of the Act or that has been continued or restructured under the Act as a rural municipality. The council of that municipality may, by resolution, designate a place outside the municipality as the municipal office, and may determine that the municipal office will be open to serve the public for less than 20 hours each week.