No support from TNA & Pillayan - SLMC abstain from voting

Chief minister of the eastern province Sivanesathurai Chandrakanthan alias Pillayan has said that he will not support the proposed Local govt Elections amendment Bill as there are come unclear areas in them and also he has no need to support it.

This amendment draft is to be tabled at the Eastern Provincial council assembly tomorrow and the chief minister said no one can force him to support anything that is not clear and lacks details.

TNA MP Suresh Premachandran said that his party opposes the Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill. It provides for the conducting of elections to the local bodies under a mix of the Proportional Representation system and the First

The Sri Lanka Muslim Congress, pointing out that the govt has not paid any attention to the amendments proposed by his party to be included this draft, has decided to refrain from voting when the draft comes up in the Parliament for approval in order to show their protests.

Mr.
Nizam Kariyappar says that when these proposals come for approval at provincial councils where they have SLMC representation, including the western and the eastern province, their councillors will also refrain from voting. He also added that if they are not given an opportunity to discuss their proposals to this draft, they will also go to courts against it and also refraining from voting for it at the Parliament.