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Representation of the People Act Cannot Be Invoked in Municipal Poll Cases

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The Supreme Court has ruled that the penal provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (RPA) are confined to elections for Parliament and State Legislatures and cannot be invoked in disputes arising from municipal elections. At the same time, the Court clarified that candidates who submit false election affidavits in local body polls are not beyond the reach of criminal law and may still face prosecution under the...

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