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Panel on BBMP Bill split on mayor's term

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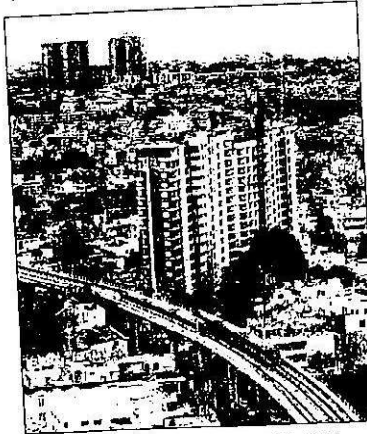
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Bengaluru: The joint select committee of the legislature formed to review the proposal for a separate law to govern Bengaluru held its first meeting on Friday. It broadly deliberated on 40 aspects of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Bill, 2020, including the tenure of the mayor, number of civic zones to be created for better governance and distribution of powers among zonal commissioners.

The joint select House committee met for the first time on Friday

The committee is reportedly divided over the issue of the mayor's tenure, with some members batting for a five-year term and some for a 30-month one. There is also no consensus on the number of zones. The state government has suggested 15 zones, but some members want to restrict the figure to 12.

"As it was the first meeting, we discussed important issues, but didn't take any decision. We may have to meet three to four times to finalise the bill," said committee chairman and BJP legislator S Raghu. The committee also discussed the government's decision



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to increase the number of BBMP wards from 198 to 225 and in all likelihood, it will incorporate the proposal in its report.

It plans to submit the report to the government as early as possible, so that the latter can get the bill passed before the BBMP elections.

The BBMP elections were planned earlier, but they could not be conducted because of the coronavirus pandemic. The tenure of the current elected body ends on September 10.