

## OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Constitution* to

- (a) empower the Auditor-General to carry out, on his own initiative, examinations into the financial management of Ministries, Departments, Statutory Authorities and governmental controlled entities; and
- (b) ensure consistency as regards the provisions relating to Finance in Chapter IX and the relevant provisions in the *Financial Management and Audit Act*.

### *Arrangement of Sections*

#### *Section*

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 107 of the Constitution.
3. Amendment of section 108 of the *Constitution*.
4. Amendment of section 109 of the *Constitution*.
5. Amendment of section 110 of the *Constitution*.
6. Amendment of section 113 of the *Constitution*.

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A Bill entitled

An Act to alter the *Constitution*

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados in accordance with the provisions of section 49 of the *Constitution* as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the *Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2007*. Short title.

Amendment  
of section  
107 of the  
*Constitu-  
tion.*

2. Section 107 of the *Constitution* is amended by deleting the word "paid" appearing therein and substituting the words "credited to".

Amendment  
of section  
108 of the  
*Constitu-  
tion.*

3. Section 108 of the *Constitution* is amended in subsection (2), by deleting the words "paid out" appearing therein and substituting the words "charged to".

Amendment  
of section  
109 of the  
*Constitu-  
tion.*

4. Section 109 of the *Constitution* is amended in subsection (6), by deleting the words "paid out" appearing therein and substituting the words "charged to".

Amendment  
of section  
110 of the  
*Constitu-  
tion.*

5. Section 110 of the *Constitution* is amended by deleting the words "paid out" appearing in that section and substituting the words "charged to".

Amendment  
of section  
113 of the  
*Constitu-  
tion.*

6. Section 113 of the *Constitution* is amended

(a) in subsection (2), by inserting the words ", government controlled entities and statutory authorities" immediately **after** the words "Police Service Commissions";

(b) by inserting

(i) immediately after subsection (2), the following as subsection (2A):

"(2A) The Auditor-General may on his own initiative carry out examinations into the financial management of Ministries, Departments, Statutory Authorities and government controlled entities including the manner in which these Ministries, Departments, Statutory authorities and government controlled entities use their resources in discharging their functions as regards the efficiency and effectiveness of the use of those resources.";

- (ii) in subsection (3) immediately after the words "subsection (2)", the words "and (2A)";
  - (iii) in subsection (4) immediately after the words "subsections (2)", the words ", (2A)"; and
- (c) by deleting subsection (5).