

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Statistics Act*, Cap. 192 to clarify the functions of the Statistical Services Department and to provide for related matters.

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 3 of Cap. 192
3. Amendment of section 4 of Cap. 192
4. Amendment of section 9 of Cap. 192

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Statistics Act*.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the *Statistics (Amendment) Act, 2015*.

Amendment of section 3 of Cap. 192

2. *Section 3 of the Statistics Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is deleted and the following is substituted:*

“Functions of the Statistical Service

3. For the purposes of this Act, there shall be a Statistical Service the duties of which shall be

- (a) to take any census in Barbados;
- (b) to divide the parishes of Barbados into such smaller units as may be required to facilitate the collection of data for any census in Barbados;
- (c) to collect, compile, analyse, abstract, and publish statistical information relating to the social, agricultural, mining, commercial, industrial, general activities and conditions of the inhabitants of Barbados;
- (d) to collaborate with departments of Government in the collection, compilation, analysis and publication of statistical records of the data related to the operation and administration of the departments of government; and
- (e) to organise a co-ordinated scheme of social and economic statistics relating to Barbados.”.

Amendment of section 4 of Cap. 192

3. *Section 4 of the principal Act is deleted and the following is substituted :*

“Delegation of the functions of the Director

4.(1) There shall be a Director of Statistical Service for the proper administration of the provisions of this Act, and to provide for related matters.

(2) The Director may delegate in writing his powers and functions under this Act.

(3) The Director may appoint such suitable persons as may seem necessary to assist with the collection of data, and the administration of the Act.”.

Amendment of section 9 of Cap. 192

4. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following:

“(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Chief Electoral Officer may, in order to perform his functions under the *Representation of the People Act*, Cap. 12 and the *National Registration Act, 2015* have access to the information obtained in any census.”.

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this
day of _____, 2015.

Speaker

Read three times and passed the Senate this _____ day of
, 2015.

President

STATISTICS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2015**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The *Statistics (Amendment) Act, 2015* would amend the *Statistics Act, Cap. 192* to clarify the functions of the Statistical Services Department.

- Clause 1:** provides for the short title of the Act.
- Clause 2:** repeals and replaces section 3 to clarify the duties of the Statistical Service and to include the power to divide the parishes of Barbados into smaller units whenever this may be required for the collection of data for the purposes of any census in Barbados.
- Clause 3:** repeals and replaces section 4 to ensure that the Director of Statistical Service is allowed to delegate his powers and functions under the *Statistics Act, Cap. 192* by an instrument in writing, as well as to provide for the Director to be allowed to appoint suitable persons as necessary to assist with the administration of that Act.
- Clause 4:** repeals and replaces subsection (3) of section 9 to allow the Chief Electoral Officer access to information obtained in any census in order to perform his functions under the *Representation of the People Act, Cap. 12* and the *National Registration Act, 2015. (Act 2015 -)*