

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Constituency Councils Act*, Cap. 4.

Arrangement of Sections

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BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Constituency Councils Act*, Cap. 4.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

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

Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 4

2. *Section 2 of the Constituency Councils Act, Cap. 4, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by inserting in the appropriate alphabetical order the following:*

““Permanent Secretary” means the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Care, Constituency Empowerment and Community Development.”.

Amendment of section 5 of Cap. 4

3. *Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by*

- (a) deleting the word “and” appearing at the end of paragraph (f);*
- (b) deleting the full stop appearing at the end of paragraph (g) and inserting the words “; and”; and*
- (c) inserting immediately after paragraph (g), the following:*

“(h) engage in fund raising activities which shall

- (i) comply with the guidelines developed by the Ministry of Social Care, Constituency Empowerment and Community Development; and*
- (ii) be approved by the Permanent Secretary.”.*

Amendment of section 6 of Cap. 4

4. *Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by*

- (a) renumbering that section as subsection (1) thereof;*
- (b) deleting the full stop appearing at the end of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) as renumbered and substituting a semi-colon; and*

(c) *inserting immediately after paragraph (c), the following:*

“(d) monetary or in kind donations from

(i) a company incorporated under the *Companies Act*,
Cap. 308; or

(ii) a charity registered under the *Charities Act*,
Cap. 243.”;

(d) *inserting immediately after subsection (1), the following:*

“(2) Every Council that is offered a monetary or in kind donation referred to in subsection (1) shall seek the permission of the Permanent Secretary before accepting the same.”.

Amendment of the Second Schedule to Cap. 4

5.*The Second Schedule to the principal Act is amended*

(a) *in paragraph 1, by deleting sub-paragraph (1) and substituting the following:*

“(1) Each Council shall consist of 11 persons appointed by the Minister by instrument in writing.”;

(b) *in paragraph 2, by deleting sub-paragraph (b) and substituting the following:*

“(b) every member is, on the expiration of the term of his appointment, eligible for re-appointment for a further 2 terms of 2 years each.”;

(c) *by deleting paragraph 3 and substituting the following:*

“(3) The members who attend meetings are eligible for such remuneration as the Minister, with the approval of the Minister of Finance, may determine.”;

(d) in paragraph 5,

(i) by deleting the word “or” appearing at the end of sub-paragraph (d);

(ii) by deleting the full-stop appearing at the end of sub-paragraph (e) and inserting the following words “; or”; and

(iii) by inserting immediately after sub-paragraph (e) the following:

“(f) fails to participate in any of the functions of the Council as set out in section 5 of the Act.”;

(e) by deleting paragraph 10 and substituting the following:

“**10.** Six members shall constitute a quorum.”;

(f) by redesignating paragraph 11 as sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 11 and inserting immediately after sub-paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (1), a decision of each Council may be made by round robin provided that the decision is given the unanimous support of each member of the Council.”;

(g) by deleting sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 15 and substituting the following:

“(1) Each Council shall hold annual public meetings at times approved by the Minister to update the residents of each constituency on the progress and agenda of the Council for the prescribed period.”;

(h) *by deleting sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 16 and substituting the following:*

“(4) Membership of a committee shall not consist of more than 4 persons.”.

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