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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Supreme Court of Judicature Act*, Cap. 117A to provide for a single judge to hear every matter preliminary or incidental to an appeal or reference to the Court of Appeal.

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title

2. Amendment of section 53 of Cap. 117A

3. Amendment of section 60 of Cap. 117A

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Supreme Court of Judicature Act*, Cap. 117A.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2026*.

Amendment of section 53 of Cap. 117A

2. ***Section 53(2) of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Cap. 117A, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is deleted and the following substituted:***

"(2) Subject to subsection (4), a single judge of the Court of Appeal

(a) may hear and determine every matter preliminary or incidental to an appeal or reference to the Court of Appeal;

(b) may, as he thinks fit in any cause or matter pending before the Court of Appeal

(i) give any directions incidental to the appeal and not involving the decision of the appeal;

(ii) at any time during the period of vacation prescribed by rules of court, make

(A) an order granting leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal; or

(B) an interim order to prevent prejudice to the claims of any parties pending appeal.".

Amendment of section 60 of Cap. 117A

3. ***Section 60(1) of the principal Act is deleted and the following substituted:***

"(1) Subject to this section and section 53, every appeal or reference to the Court of Appeal may only be heard before 3 judges of that court, and, if necessary, be determined according to the opinion of the majority.".