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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BILL

AN ACT to amend the Constitution (Prescribed
Matters) Act, Chap. 1:02, the Interpretation Act,
Chap. 3:01 and the Judicial and Legal Service Act,
Chap. 6:01

THE MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS (AGE OF RETIREMENT
OF JUDGES, INTERPRETATION AND CHIEF JUDICIAL
OFFICERS) BILL, 2019

Explanatory Notes

(These notes form no part of the Bill but are intended only
to indicate its general purport)

The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution (Prescribed Matters) Act, Chap. 1:02, the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01 and the Judicial and Legal Service Act, Chap. 6:01.

Clause 1 of the Bill would cite the short title of the Bill.

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to amend section 3 of the Constitution (Prescribed Matters) Act, Chap. 1:02 by inserting a new section 3A which would provide for the increase in the retirement age of a Judge.

Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to amend section 63 of the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01 by deleting the words “five hundred dollars” and substituting the words “one hundred thousand dollars and a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years”.

Clause 4 of the Bill seeks to amend section 2 of the Judicial and Legal Service Act, Chap. 6:01 by inserting the definition of “Chief Judicial Officer” after the definition of “Chief Legal Officer”. Clause 4 further seeks to amend subsection (15)(1)(a) of the Judicial and Legal Service Act, Chap. 6:01 by deleting the words “the Masters of the High Court, the Chief Magistrate and the Registrar and Marshal” and substituting the words “a Chief Judicial Officer” and inserting a new subsection (1B) which would provide that the terms and conditions of service of Chief Judicial Officers shall be equivalent to those of Chief Legal Officers.

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Act, Chap. 1:02, the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01
and the Judicial and Legal Service Act, Chap. 6:01

[, 2019]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Short title Miscellaneous

Provisions (Age of Retirement of Judges, Interpretation and Chief Judicial Officers) Act, 2019.

Chap. 1:02 amended **2.** The Constitution (Prescribed Matters) Act is amended by inserting after section 3, the following section:

<sup>“Retirement
age of a
Judge</sup> 3A. The age at which a Judge is required to vacate his office under section 136(1) of the Constitution is seventy years.”.

Chap. 3:01 amended **3.** Section 63 of the Interpretation Act is amended by deleting the words “five hundred dollars” and substituting the words “one hundred thousand dollars and a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years”.

Chap. 6:01 amended **4.** The Judicial and Legal Service Act is amended—
(a) in section 2, by inserting after the definition of “Chief Legal Officer”, the following definition:

“ “Chief Judicial Officer” means a Master of the High Court, the Chief Magistrate, the Registrar and Marshal of the High Court or the Court Executive Administrator;”;
and

(b) in subsection (15)—

(i) in subsection (1)(a), by deleting the words “the Masters of the High Court, the Chief Magistrate and the Registrar and Marshal” and substituting the words “a Chief Judicial Officer”; and

(ii) by inserting after subsection (1A), the following subsection:

“ (1B) The terms and conditions of service of

Chief Judicial Officers shall be equivalent to those of Chief Legal Officers.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this day
of , 2019.

Clerk of the House

I confirm the above.

Speaker

Passed in the Senate this day of , 2019.

Clerk of the Senate

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate

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