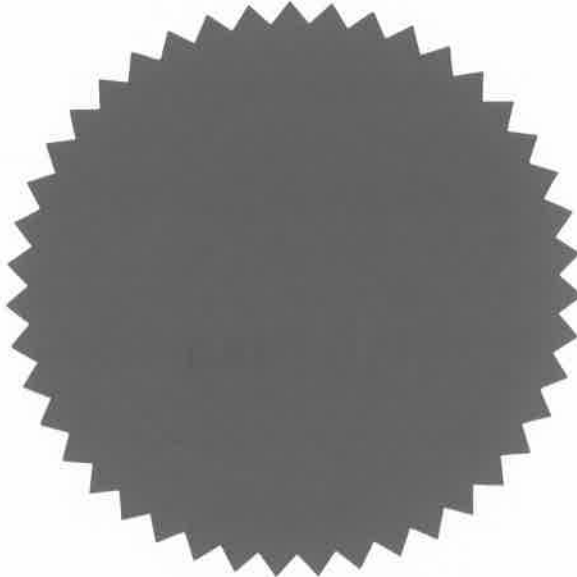


JAMAICA

No. 14 - 2015



I assent,

*P. L. Allen*

*Governor-General.*

*29th day of July, 2015*

AN ACT to Amend the Constitution of Jamaica to make provisions for the inclusion of a democratic system of local government for Jamaica in the Constitution; and for connected matters.

WHEREAS a Constitutional Commission established by Parliament recommended *inter alia* that provision should be made for the inclusion of the system of local government in the Constitution of Jamaica:

AND WHEREAS the recommendations of the Constitutional Commission were endorsed by a Joint Select Committee of Parliament:

AND WHEREAS a decision has been taken by the Government to amend the Constitution of Jamaica in order to insert into the Constitution of Jamaica provisions for the system of local government in accordance

with the provision of section 49 of the Constitution and, in particular, subsection (2) thereof.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, in accordance with the provisions of section 49 of the Constitution of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title  
and  
construction.

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) (Local Government) Act, 2015, and shall be read and construed as one with the Constitution of Jamaica (hereinafter referred to as the "Constitution") and all amendments thereto.

Amendment  
of Chapter V  
of  
Constitution.

2. Chapter V of the Constitution is amended—

(a) by deleting the heading to Part 4 and substituting therefor the following heading—

*"Constituencies and Local Government"*; and

(b) in section 66—

(i) by deleting the marginal note thereto and substituting therefor the following—

*"Constituencies  
and local  
government."*; and

(ii) by inserting next after subsection (2) the following—

(3) There shall continue to be a democratic system of local government for Jamaica.

(4) The purposes of local government shall be to—

(a) encourage and assist the effective participation of local communities in the affairs of local government;

(b) give local authorities—

(i) the ability to provide local public services and facilities and to carry out other related activities

for the benefit of local communities and the wider public; and

- (ii) the ability to perform such regulatory functions as may be conferred upon local authorities by law; and
- (c) facilitate the management, improvement and development of the resources of local communities.
- (5) Parliament may make provision—
  - (a) for local authorities to generate and spend their own revenue;
  - (b) for assigning functions between the various tiers of government;
  - (c) relating to the manner in which local authorities are constituted and the nature and extent of their functions;
  - (d) for the holding of local government elections; and
  - (e) prescribing any other matter relating to the governance of local authorities.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 12th day of May, 2015.

MICHAEL A. PEART  
*Speaker.*

Passed in the Senate this 17th day of July, 2015.

FLOYD E. MORRIS  
*President.*

*This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the authenticated impression of the foregoing Act, and has been found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Act.*

  
Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.