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I assent,

Pl. Allen

Governor-General.

day of February 2024

AN ACT to Amend the Political Ombudsman (Interim) Act and to provide for connected matters

[13th day of february 2024]

BE IT ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Political Ombudsman (Interim) short title (Amendment) Act, 2024, and shall be read and construed as one with and conthe Political Ombudsman (Interim) Act (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and all amendments thereto.

Amendment of section 4 of principal Act.

- 2. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) and substituting therefor the following—
  - " (2) The Electoral Commission of Jamaica established under the Electoral Commission (Interim) Act shall be the Political Ombudsman.

Repeal of sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 of principal Act.

**3.** Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the principal Act are repealed.

Repeal of section 9 and First Schedule of principal Act.

- **4.**—(1) Subject to subsection (2), section 9 and the First Schedule of the principal Act are repealed.
- (2) Notwithstanding the repeal of section 9 and the First Schedule of the principal Act, those provisions shall continue to apply in respect of the payment of pensions and other benefits to any person entitled, as on the date immediately preceding the repeal, to receive such payments.

Amendment of section 12 of principal Act.

**5.** Section 12 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by deleting the numerals "25" and substituting therefor the numerals "19".

Repeal of section 19 of principal Act.

**6.** Section 19 of the principal Act is repealed.

Repeal of section 25 of principal Act.

7. Section 25 of the principal Act is repealed.

Amendment of Second Schedule of principal Act. **8.** The Second Schedule of the principal Act is amended by inserting next after the words "Political Ombudsman" the word "(Interim)".

Amendment of the Electoral Commission (Interim) Act.

- **9.** The Electoral Commission (Interim) Act is amended in section 6(1) by—
  - (a) deleting (a) deleting the full stop appearing at the end of paragraph (v) and substituting therefor a semi-colon; and

- (b) inserting the following as paragraph (w)—
  - "(w) be the Political Ombudsman under the Political Ombudsman (Interim) Act.",

and the amendments shall be read and construed as one with the Electoral Commission (Interim) Act.

Passed in the Honourable House of Representatives this 5th day of February, 2024.

CLARKE

Deputy Speaker.

[No. ]

Passed in the Senate this 9th day of February, 2024

THOMAS TAVARES-FINAN J. CD. KC. JP

President.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed the House of Representatives and Senate, and has been found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Bill.

Molurtu Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.