

AN ACT to Amend the Political Ombudsman (Interim) Act and to provide for connected matters
[ $13^{\text {th }}$ day of Febreary 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) (Amendment) Act, 2024, and shall be read and construed as one with

Short title and construction. the Political Ombudsman (Interim) Act (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and all amendments thereto.

Amendment of section 4 of principal Act.

Repeal of sections 5,6 ,
7 and 8
of principal
Act.
Repeal of section 9 and First Schedule of principal Act.

Amendment of section 12 of principal Act.

Repeal of section 19 of principal Act.

Repeal of section 25 of principal Act.

Amendment of Second Schedule of principal Act.

Amendment of the Electoral Commission (Interim) 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.
3. Sections $5,6,7$ and 8 of the principal Act are repealed.
4.-(1) Subject to subsection (2), section 9 and the First Schedule of the principal Act are repealed.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.
5. Section 12 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by deleting the numerals " 25 " and substituting therefor the numerals " 19 ".
6. Section 19 of the principal Act is repealed.
7. Section 25 of the principal Act is repealed.
8. The Second Schedule of the principal Act is amended by inserting next after the words "Political Ombudsman" the word "(Interim)".
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 u rt the Electoral Commission (Interim) Act.

Passed in the Honourable House of Representative ath day of February, 2024.

... : Clarke<br>Deputr Speaker.

Passed in the Senate this 9th day of February, 20:-
THOMAS TAVARES-F: い 」. .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.

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> Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.

