
**CONSTITUTION OF GRENADA (TERM OF OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER)
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016****EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The **clauses** of the Bill for the *Constitution of Grenada (Term of Office of Prime Minister) (Amendment) Act*, its short title by its **clause 1(1)**, would amend the Constitution for a certain purpose. **Clauses 1(2)** spells out that the Act shall be read and construed as altering the Constitution.

The Bill, **Clause 3**, would amend section 58 of the Constitution to provide for term limits on a person serving as Prime Minister. No person would be appointed as Prime Minister if he or she has previously been Prime Minister for three consecutive terms.

The date of commencement of the Act would be appointed by the Governor-General by proclamation published in the *Gazette*, by **clause 1(3)**; not to have effect retroactively.

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A. K. Cajeton Hood
HON. ATTORNEY-GENERAL

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(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016****GRENADA****ACT NO. 2016**

AN ACT to alter the Constitution of Grenada to limit the term of office of the Prime Minister

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

**PART I
PRELIMINARY****Short title, commencement and alteration of the Constitution**

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the—

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MINISTER) (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016.**

- (2) This Act shall come into effect on such date as may be appointed by Proclamation issued by the Governor-General and published in the *Gazette*; and different dates may be appointed for the various provisions of this Act;

Provided that no provision of this Act shall have effect retroactively to any date prior to the commencement of this Act.

- (3) This Act shall be read and construed as altering the Constitution.

Interpretation

2. In this Act—

“**Constitution**” means the Constitution of Grenada which is set out in Schedule 1 to the Grenada Constitution Order 1973;

“**Constitution Order**” means the Grenada Constitution Order 1973.

PART II
ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

Alteration of section 58 of the Constitution

3. Section 58 of the Constitution is altered—

- (a) in subsection (2) at the end of the last line by deleting the full stop and substituting a semi-colon; and
- (b) by inserting after subsection (2) the following—

“Provided that there shall not be appointed as a Prime Minister any person who has previously held the office of Prime Minister for three consecutive parliamentary terms; and for this purpose a ‘parliamentary term’ shall mean the period commencing on the date of the first sitting of the House of Representatives after a general election and expiring at the date of the next ensuing dissolution of Parliament.”.

Passed by the House of Representatives this 21st day of June, 2016.

WILLAN THOMPSON
Clerk to the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate this 13th day of July, 2016.

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