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I Assent,

Dame Louise Lake Tack,
Governor-General.

28th December, 2012

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

THE CONSTITUENCIES BOUNDARIES COMMISSION GUIDANCE ACT, 2012

No. 10 of 2012

AN ACT to prescribe general principles in accordance with section 64 (3) of Schedule I to the Antigua and Barbuda Constitution Order 1981 to guide the Constituencies Boundaries Commission when it reviews the number, and the boundaries, of constituencies and makes its report thereon and for incidental and connected purposes.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Constituencies Boundaries Commission Guidance Act, 2012.

2. Interpretation

In this Act the “Commission” means the Constituencies Boundaries Commission established by section 63(1) of Schedule I to The Antigua and Barbuda Constitution Order 1981, Cap. 23.

3. General principle

(1) In conducting its review the Commission shall be guided by the cardinal principles that all constituencies shall contain as nearly equal numbers of inhabitants taking into account the need to



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achieve voter's parity as appear to the Commission to be reasonably practicable, but the Commission may depart from the principles to the extent it considers expedient and necessary to take into account the following factors—

- (a) the density of population and the changing demographics of the constituency;
- (b) the need to ensure the adequate representation of sparsely populated rural areas;
- (c) the geographical features of the constituency; and
- (d) the boundaries of the various towns and villages and more particularly, residential area expansions.

(2) During the process of review, the Commission shall where necessary hold consultations with interested persons and obtain credible data or information to assist it in its deliberations.

Passed by the House of Representatives on
the 4th April, 2012.

D. Gisele Isaac-Arrindel,
Speaker.

Ramona Small
Clerk to the House of Representatives.

Passed by the Senate on the 24th October,
2012.

Hazelyn M. Francis,
President.

Ramona Small
Clerk to the Senate.