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I Assent,

Rodney Williams,
Governor-General.

29th April, 2021.

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AN ACT to amend the Legal Profession Act, No. 22 of 2008 to increase the number of persons allowed to sit on the Disciplinary Committee and for other connected purposes.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Legal Profession (Amendment) Act, 2021.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Legal Profession Act, 2008, No. 22 of 2008

3. Amendment of Section 12

The principal Act is amended in section 12 by repealing subsection (1) and replacing it as follows –

“(1) The amount of the annual subscription payable by members other than honorary members of the Association shall, subject to subsection (3), be fixed by the Council and shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Association in respect of the period of twelve months commencing on the 1st February, in each year.”

4. Amendment of Schedule 1

The principal Act is amended in Schedule 1 by repealing paragraph (11) and replacing it with the following—

“Equality of votes

11. (1) In the event of an equality of votes between two candidates, the one to be declared elected be shall be determined, in the first instance, by a new poll.

(2) Where there is still an equality of votes between two candidates after the second poll the election for that position shall be postponed for thirty (30) days, notwithstanding paragraphs 3 and 10.”

5. Amendment of Schedule 5

The principal Act is amended in Schedule 5 by repealing paragraph (1) and replacing it as follows –

“Constitution and membership

1. (1) The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the President of the Association and nine other persons appointed by the Chief Justice after consultation with the Council and the Attorney General.
- (2) The appointed members shall include two members of the Council.
- (3) Subject to subparagraph (4) the other appointed members shall be attorneys-at-law of not less than six years standing and at least three non-attorneys at law.
- (4) The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed by the Chief Justice after consultation with the Council and shall be persons who have held judicial office or are attorneys-at-law of not less than ten years standing.”

Passed the House of Representatives on
the 11th day of March , 2021.

Passed the Senate on the 23rd day of
March, 2021.

Gerald Watt, Q. C.,
Speaker.

Alicia Williams Grant,
President.

Rosemarie Smith-Weston,
Acting Clerk to the House of Representatives.

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Acting Clerk to the Senate.