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JURIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020

AN ACT TO AMEND THE JURIES ACT

[Date of Assent - 24th November, 2020]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title.

This Act, which amends the Juries Act (*Ch. 59*), may be cited as the Juries (Amendment) Act, 2020.

2. Amendment of section 18 of the principal Act.

Section 18 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (1), by the deletion of the words “murder or treason” and the substitution of the words “an offence to which the penalty of death is provided for by law”; and
- (b) in subsection (2), by the deletion of the words “murder or treason” and the substitution of the words “an offence” to which the penalty of death is provided for by law”.

3. Amendment of section 24 of the principal Act.

Section 24 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the word “affixed” and the substitution of the words “provided for”.

4. Amendment of section 28 of the principal Act.

Subsection (3) of section 28 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after the words “to serve”, the words “or in the opinion of the judge it is expedient for the ends of justice that a juror not continue to serve,”.

5. Consequential amendment to section 290 of Ch. 84.

Section 290 of the Penal Code (*Ch. 84*) is amended —

- (a) in subsection (2), by the deletion of the words “291(1)” and the substitution of the words “291(1)(a)”; and
- (b) in subsection (3), by the deletion of the words “291(1)” and the substitution of the words “291(1)(a)”.