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JUDGES' REMUNERATION AND PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2012

AN ACT TO AMEND THE JUDGES' REMUNERATION AND PENSIONS ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS

[Date of Assent - 13th March, 2012]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

- This Act which amends the Judges' Remuneration and Pensions Act (Ch. 45) may be cited as the Judges' Remuneration and Pensions (Amendment) Act, 2012.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by Notice, published in Gazette.

2. Amendment to section 6 of the principal Act.

Section 6 (1) of the principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after subsection (2) of the following subsection —

"(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, any holder of a judicial office under this section may retire at any time after attaining the age of fifty-five years or having held judicial office for five years;

Provided that a pension shall only be paid to a former holder of a judicial office who has attained the age of fifty-five years or older".

3. Insertion of a new section 6A into the principal Act.

The principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section 6 of the following —

"6A. Entitlement to retain title on retirement.

Every person who is the holder of a judicial office, upon retirement after a period of five (5) years continuous service, shall retain the courtesy title of "The Honourable" for life to be used in conjunction with the designation "Justice (Ret.)".