

JAMAICA

No. 10 – 2023

I assent,

[L.S.]

Sgd. P. L. Allen  
Governor-General.

31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2023

AN ACT to Amend the Constitution of Jamaica to provide for an increase in the retirement age of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Auditor-General, and for connected matters.

[31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2023]

BE IT ENACTED by The King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica in accordance with section 49 of the Constitution of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment of Sections 96(1) and 121(1)) Act, 2023, and shall be read and construed as one with the Constitution of Jamaica (hereinafter referred to as the Constitution) and all amendments thereto.

Short title  
and  
construction

Amendment  
of section  
96(1) of the  
Constitution

**2.—(1)** Section 96(1) of the Constitution is amended by—

- (a) deleting the words “sixty years” wherever they appear and substituting therefor in each case the words “sixty-five years”; and
- (b) deleting the words “not exceeding sixty-five years” where they appear in paragraph (b) of the proviso and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding seventy years”.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1), a person who is Director of Public Prosecutions at the date of commencement of this Act may, by memorandum in writing given to the Governor-General, elect to retire at any time after attaining the age of sixty years.”.

Amendment  
of section  
121(1) of  
the  
Constitution.

**3.—(1)** Section 121(1) of the Constitution is amended by—

- (a) deleting the words “sixty years” wherever they appear and substituting therefor in each case the words “sixty-five years”; and
- (b) deleting the words “not exceeding sixty-five years” where they appear in paragraph (b) of the proviso and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding seventy years”.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1), a person who is Auditor-General at the date of commencement of this Act may, by memorandum in writing given to the Governor-General, elect to retire at any time after attaining the age of sixty years.”.

Passed in the Honourable House of Representatives this 25th day of July, 2023.

JULIET HOLNESS

*Deputy Speaker.*

Passed in the Senate this 28th day of July, 2023.

THOMAS TAVARES-FINSON, OJ, CD, KC, JP

*President.*

*This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the authenticated impression of the foregoing Act, and has been found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Act.*

*Sgd. Valrie A. Curtis*  
*Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.*