

JAMAICA

No. 14-2008

I assent,

[L.S.]

*(Sgd) Prof. Kenneth O. Hall*

*Governor-General.*

*September 12, 2008*

AN ACT to Amend the Judicature (Supreme Court) Act, so as to increase the number of Judges of the Supreme Court and the number of Masters.

*[September 12, 2008]*

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Judicature (Supreme Court) (Amendment) Act, 2008, and shall be read and construed as one with the Judicature (Supreme Court) Act (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and all amendments thereto.

Short title  
and  
construction.

2. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by—

Amendment  
of section 5  
of principal  
Act.

(a) deleting subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following—

“ (1) The Judges of the Supreme Court shall be the Chief Justice, a Senior Puisne Judge and not less

than twenty-four nor more than forty other Puisne Judges.”;

(b) inserting the following as subsection (4)—

“ (4) The Minister may by order published in the *Gazette* amend subsection (1) so as to increase the number of Puisne Judges, which order shall be subject to affirmative resolution.”.

Amendment  
of section 8  
of principal  
Act.

3. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (1) by deleting the words “a Master who” and substituting therefor the words “not less than four nor more than eight Masters, and each Master”;

(b) inserting the following as subsection (4)—

(4) The Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette*, amend subsection (1) so as to increase the number of Masters, which order shall be subject to affirmative resolution.”.

Amendment  
of section 9  
of principal  
Act.

4. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words “the Master” wherever they appear and substituting therefor in each case the words “a Master”;

(b) in subsection (2), by deleting the words “the Master exercises” and substituting therefor the words “a Master exercises”.

Amendment  
of section 10  
of principal  
Act.

5. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “the Master” wherever they appear and substituting therefor in each case the words “a Master”.

Amendment  
of section 14  
of principal  
Act

6. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by deleting the words “to be Master” wherever they appear and substituting therefor in each case the words “to be a Master”.

Amendment  
of section 20  
of principal  
Act.

7. Section 20 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “the Master” and substituting therefor the words “each Master”.

Passed in the Senate this 25th day of July, 2008.

OSWALD HARDING, OJ, CD, QC,  
*President.*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 9th day of September, 2008.

DELROY CHUCK,  
*Speaker.*

*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.*

*Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.*