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THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION (AMENDMENT) LAW, 2014 $(LAW\ 22\ OF\ 2014)$

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I Assent

Franz Manderson

Acting Governor.

31st December, 2014

A LAW TO AMEND THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION LAW (2006 REVISION) TO EMPOWER THE CABINET TO MAKE REGULATIONS PROVIDING FOR THE TRAINING OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE; AND FOR INCIDENTAL AND CONNECTED PURPOSES

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

1. (1) This Law may be cited as the Summary Jurisdiction (Amendment) Law, 2014.

Short title and commencement

- (2) This Law shall come into force on such date as may be appointed by Order made by the Cabinet.
- 2. The Summary Jurisdiction Law (2006 Revision) is amended by inserting after section 43 the following sections -

"Training

43A. A Justice of the Peace or a nominee for appointment as a Justice of the Peace shall comply with any requirements for training as may be prescribed.

Insertion of sections 43A to 43E in the Summary Jurisdiction Law (2006 Revision) - training; suspension of appointment; honorary title; retention of appointment; regulations

Suspension of appointment

43B. The appointment of a Justice of the Peace may be suspended -

- (a) where it is determined that the Justice of the Peace is unable to discharge the functions of the office due to infirmity of body or mind;
- (b) for misbehaviour; or
- (c) for contravention of the code of conduct as may be prescribed,

and any such suspension of appointment shall be published in the Gazette.

Honorary title

43C. The Cabinet may confer the title of "Honorary Justice of the Peace" on a Justice of the Peace who has served a term of ten or more years or terms amounting to ten or more years on the retirement or resignation of that Justice of the Peace.

Retention of appointment (2014

Revision)

43D. Any person appointed as a Justice of the Peace *virtute officii* pursuant to section 7(3) who is a Caymanian within the meaning of the Immigration Law (2014 Revision) may, upon retirement, resignation or otherwise ceasing to be the holder of the office, retain the title and continue to serve as a Justice of the Peace unless there are reasons in law that would otherwise render the person unfit to serve.

Regulations

43E. The Cabinet, after consultation with the Chief Justice, may make regulations prescribing all matters that are required or permitted by this Law to be prescribed, or are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for giving effect to the purposes of this Law and, in particular, providing for -

- (a) the procedure for the nomination and appointment of candidates to the office of Justice of the Peace and for the retention of the appointment where the person is appointed *virtute officii*;
- (b) the orientation and periodic training of Justices of the Peace;
- (c) a code of conduct, guidelines for record keeping and general directions for the provision of Justice of the Peace services;
- (d) a tribunal to conduct hearings into complaints made against Justices of the Peace;

- (e) the assessment of the fitness of a Justice of the Peace to serve on attaining the age of seventy years;
- (f) the procedure for the suspension or removal of a Justice of the Peace; and
- (g) the criteria for the selection of suitable candidates for the conferral of the title of "Honorary Justice of the Peace" upon retirement or resignation as a Justice of the Peace.".
- 3. A person who was appointed as a Justice of the Peace before the commencement of this Law shall comply with the prescribed training requirements within twelve months of the commencement of this Law.

Transitional

Passed by the Legislative Assembly the 27th day of November, 2014.

J. O'Connor-Connolly

Speaker.

Zena Merren-Chin

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.