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THE PRIME MINISTER'S PENSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

Explanatory Note

(These notes form no part of the Bill but are intended only to indicate its general purport)

This Bill seeks to amend the Prime Minister's Pension Act, Chap. 2:51 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") to require a person to serve at least one year as Prime Minister in order to qualify for a Prime Minister's pension. The Bill would have retroactive effect and its provisions would have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution. The Bill would therefore require the support of three-fifths of all the members of each House of Parliament.

Clause 1 would provide for the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 would provide for the proposed Act to be deemed to have come into force on the 10th day of March, 2025.

Clause 3 would provide that the proposed Act would have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution.

Clause 4 would provide for the interpretation of the proposed Act.

Clause 5 would amend section 3(1) of the Act to require a person to serve at least one year as Prime Minister in order to qualify for a Prime Minister's pension.

Clause 6 would amend section 4 of the Act to provide for the calculation of a Prime Minister's pension based on a person's length of service as Prime Minister.

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WHEREAS it is enacted by section 13(1) of the Constitution that an Act of Parliament to which that section applies may expressly declare that it shall have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution and, if any Act does so declare, it shall have effect accordingly: Preamble

And whereas it is provided in section 13(2) of the Constitution that an Act of Parliament to which that

section applies is one the Bill for which has been passed by both Houses of Parliament and at the final vote thereon in each House has been supported by the votes of not less than three-fifths of all the members of that House:

And whereas it is necessary and expedient that the provisions of this Act shall have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution:

Enactment

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Prime Minister's Pension (Amendment) Act, 2025.

Commencement

2. This Act is deemed to have come into force on the 10th day of March, 2025.

Act inconsistent with Constitution

3. This Act shall have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution.

Interpretation Chap. 2:51

4. In this Act, "the Act" means the Prime Minister's Pension Act.

Section 3 amended

5. Section 3(1) of the Act is amended by inserting after the words "any time after", the words "one year from the date of".

Section 4 amended

6. Section 4 of the Act is amended by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection.

"(1) The Prime Minister's pension payable under this Act to any person shall –

(a) in the case of a person who served as Prime Minister for not less than one year from the date of his appointment, be one-third of the highest annual rate of salary paid to him at any time as Prime Minister;

(b) in the case of a person who served as Prime Minister for not less than two years from the date of his appointment, be one half of

the highest annual rate of salary paid to him at any time as Prime Minister;

(c) in the case of a person who served as Prime Minister for not less than three years from the date of his appointment, be two-thirds of the highest annual rate of salary paid to him at any time as Prime Minister; or

(d) in the case of a person who served as Prime Minister for not less than four years from the date of his appointment, be the full amount of the highest annual rate of salary paid to him at any time as Prime Minister.".

Passed in the House of Representatives this day of , 2025.

Clerk of the House

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this Act is one the Bill for which has been passed by the House of Representatives and at the final vote thereon in the House has been supported by the votes of not less than three-fifths of all the members of the House, that is to say, by the votes of_____ members of the House.

Clerk of the House

I confirm the above.

Speaker

Passed in the Senate this day of , 2025.

Clerk of the Senate

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this Act is one the Bill for which has been passed by the Senate and at the final vote thereon in the Senate has been supported by the votes of not less than three-fifths of all the members of the Senate, that is to say, by the votes of _____ Senators.

Clerk of the Senate

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate

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