
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes various amendments to the Constitution of the Cayman Islands. The principal changes are:

- As regards the Executive, provision is made for increasing the number of members elected to the Executive Council by the Legislative Assembly from four to five; such members will be styled “Ministers”. New provision is made for the Attorney–General and Auditor–General designed to protect their tenure of office and the independence of the Attorney–General in respect of the conduct of prosecutions.
- More specific provision is made for the offices of Speaker and Deputy Speaker and new provision is made for disqualifying members of the Assembly in the event of their being convicted of offences punishable by at least one year’s imprisonment by any court (not only as hitherto a Commonwealth court) and for a period of five years after such a sentence has been served.
- Provision is also made for a Commissioner for Complaints, for a Register of Interests and for referenda; and the Superior Court of first instance (the Grand Court) is now established by the Constitution rather than by a law of the Islands.