



Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands

GOVERNMENT MOTION NO. 1/2014-15

THE CAYMAN ISLANDS CONSTITUTION ORDER 2009, SI. 2009 No. 1379

WHEREAS there is consensus in the Government for the adoption of the principle of one elector one vote as the basis of the electoral system of the Cayman Islands;

AND WHEREAS the Government is desirous that the Cayman Islands be divided into single member electoral districts;

AND WHEREAS section 88(1) of the Constitution set out in Schedule 2 to the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009, SI. 2009 No. 1379 (in this Motion referred to as “the Constitution”) provides that an Electoral Boundary Commission shall be appointed from time to time at such time as the Governor, acting after consultation with the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition, may determine;

AND WHEREAS section 89 of the Constitution provides that an Electoral Boundary Commission shall, as soon as practicable after its appointment, review the boundaries of the electoral districts into which the Cayman Islands are divided and, taking into account the changes or proposed changes, if any, in the number of electoral districts or of elected members of the Legislative Assembly, shall submit a report to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly containing its recommendations for any changes in the number and boundaries of the electoral districts;

AND WHEREAS section 60(2) of the Constitution provides that a law made under section 59(2) may increase the number of elected members of the Legislative Assembly; but no such law shall come into force unless an order by the Governor providing for the electoral districts and their boundaries to take account of the additional elected members in accordance with section 89 has been made;

AND WHEREAS at the time when the Electoral Boundary Commission Report 2010 was made the number of registered electors was 15,300;

AND WHEREAS at the time of the General Elections in 2013, the number of registered electors had increased to 18,434;

AND WHEREAS the Elections Office has confirmed that the number of electors registered as at 1 July 2014 is 18,364, a 20.03% increase over the 2010 numbers;

AND WHEREAS due to such large increase in the number of registered electors (from 2010 to date), there is a need for an Electoral Boundary Commission to be appointed to review the boundaries of the electoral districts into which the Cayman Islands are divided, taking into account the significant increase in the number of registered electors, proposed changes in the number of electoral districts and proposed changes in the number of elected members of the Legislative Assembly;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly agrees that the Governor should be invited, in accordance with section 88 of the Constitution, to appoint an Electoral Boundary Commission;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT following the making of an Order by the Governor, pursuant to section 89(6) of the Constitution, for the determination of the boundaries of the electoral districts of the Cayman Islands, the Government thereafter submits to the Legislative Assembly a Bill to make the necessary amendments to the Elections Law (2013 Revision) in accordance with the said Order to enable the establishment of single member electoral districts in the Cayman Islands, with each elector having one vote;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the process be completed in good time so as to ensure that the General Elections due in 2017 are conducted on the basis of single member electoral districts with each elector having one vote.

Moved by:

Hon Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP
Premier
Minister of Home and Community Affairs

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 2nd day of September, 2014.

Passed by the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly this 10th day of September, 2014.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.