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**A BILL FOR A LAW TO AMEND THE GRAND COURT LAW (2006  
REVISION) IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE DATES OF THE SESSIONS  
OF THE COURT; AND FOR INCIDENTAL AND CONNECTED  
PURPOSES**

**MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill would amend the Grand Court Law (2006 Revision) to change the dates upon which the sessions of the Court commence. The Chief Justice has advised that the present wording of section 21 of the Law does not permit the flexibility of sitting which a modern court requires.

Clause 2 of the Bill repeals and replaces section 21 of the Law to provide that the Court shall convene sessions every quarter of year and that the Chief Justice shall give notice of the commencement date of the sessions in any year by 1<sup>st</sup> December of the preceding year.

Clause 3 of the Bill provides, by way of transition, that for the sessions of the Court in 2008 the notice required under section 21 will be published on or by 16<sup>th</sup> December of this year.

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**ENACTED** by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands

1. This Law may be cited as the Grand Court (Amendment) Law, 2007.

Short title

2. The Grand Court Law (2006 Revision) is amended by repealing section 21 and substituting the following section-

Repeal of section 21 of the Grand Court Law (2006 Revision) and substitution- sessions of the Court

“Sessions of the Court

21. (1) The Court shall convene quarterly sessions for the trial of both civil and criminal cases and such sessions shall-

- (a) commence in the month of January of each year; and
- (b) continue until the business of the Court is completed.

(2) The Chief Justice shall, by notice published in the Gazette on or by the 1<sup>st</sup> December of each year, give notice of the date on which each quarterly session shall commence during the following year.”.

*The Grand Court (Amendment) Bill, 2007*

Transitional provisions

3. The Chief Justice shall, by notice published in the Gazette, on or by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2007, give notice of the date on which each quarterly session shall commence in 2008.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this    day of    , 2007

Speaker

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly