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I Assent,

James B. Carlisle, Governor-General.

24th February, 2003.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

No. 3 of 2003

AN ACT to amend the Representation of the People Act.

[25th February, 2003]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2003.

Short title

2. The Representation of the People Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by the insertion of the following sections immediately after section 18:

Insertion of sections 18A to 18E Cap. 379.

"Governor-General may issue Proclamation for registration in a particular constituency. 18A. Notwithstanding section 18, the Governor-General may, in relation to any constituency and at any time before a Proclamation is issued under subsection (1) of that section, issue a Proclamation for the registration of persons referred to in subsection (2) of section 18B."

Registration of new electors.

18B. (1) The Proclamation issued under section 18A shall specify the period within which

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a person referred to in subsection (2) shall apply to be registered as an elector.

- (2) Every person who is qualified under section 16 to be registered as an elector and whose name does not, on the date of coming into force of the Proclamation referred to in subsection (1), appear on the register of electors shall apply to be registered in accordance with the Registration Regulations referred to in section 18C.
- (3) An applicant for registration as an elector shall submit the application in the prescribed form to the Registration Officer within the period specified in the Proclamation under subsection (1).

Application of Second Schedule to Cap. 379 repealed by Act No. 11 of 2002.

18C. Notwithstanding the repeal of the Registration Regulations in the Second Schedule to the Representation of the People Act by section 3 of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2002 the Registration Regulations in force immediately before the commencement s f the latter Act shall apply to the matters provided for in those Regulations in relation to the elections referred to in section 18A as if they had not been repealed.

Power to amend Elections Regulations.

18D. The Commission may, subject to the affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives amend the Regulations referred to in section 18C.

Amendment of Election Regulations.

18E. The Registration Regulations referred to in section 18C are amended —

Second Schedule Cap. 379.

- (a) in Regulation 8 (2) by the deletion of the words "on or before the 15th day" and the substitution of the words "on or before the second day";
- in Regulation 9 (1) by the deletion (b) of the words "and the time within

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which" and by adding the following sentence at the end of the subregulation:

"A claim or objection in respect of the electors lists shall be made to the Registration Officer not later than three days after the lists are published."

- (c) in Regulation 10 and the proviso thereto by the deletion of the words "the 31st day" and "three days" and the substitution of the words "the fifth day" and "two days", respectively;
- (d) in Regulation 12
 - (i) by adding at the end of subregulation (1) the words "and the lists shall be open for inspection by any person"; and
 - (ii) by the deletion of subregulations (2) to (4); and
- (e) in Regulation 13
 - (i) by the insertion, immediately after subregulation (1), of the following subregulation:

"(1A) The Chief Magistrate shall be the revising officer"; and

(ii) by the deletion from subregulation (2) of the words "in the *Gazette*".

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA The Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2003.

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Passed the House of Representatives this 17th day of February, 2003.

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Passed the Senate this 21st day of February, 2003.

B. Harris, *Speaker*.

M. Percival, *President*.

S. Walker, Clerk to the House of Representatives. S. Walker, Clerk to the Senate.