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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE COURT OF APPEAL ACT

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act which amends the Court of Appeal Act (Ch.52)(“the principal Act”) may be cited as the Court of Appeal (Amendment) Act, 2023.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by Notice published in the Gazette.

2. Amendment of section 6 of the principal Act.

Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (5) and substituting the following —

- “(5) The powers, authorities and the performance of duties necessary for the due conduct and discharge of the business of the court in subsection (2) shall not include the performance by the Registrar of any administrative or financial powers, authorities or duties.”.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Court of Appeal (Amendment) Bill, 2023 divests the Registrars of the Court of Appeal of responsibility for the administration and financial affairs of the Court of Appeal as a consequence of the Court Services Bill, 2023 which establishes a Council with officers and staff to take over the management of the administrative and financial affairs of courts which includes the Court of Appeal.