

A BILL

ENTITLED

AN ACT to Amend the Governor-General (Expenditure,  
Personal Staff, Tax Exemptions and Pensions) Act.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Governor-General (Expenditure, Personal Staff, Tax Exemptions and Pensions) (Amendment) Act, 2017, and shall be read and construed as one with the Governor-General (Expenditure, Personal Staff, Tax Exemptions and Pensions) Act (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") and all amendments thereto.

Short title  
and con-  
struction.

Amendment  
of First  
Schedule to  
principal Act.

2. With effect from the 1st day of September, 2016, the First Schedule to the principal Act is amended by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the following—

“an amount equivalent to 40% of the annual rate of salary (exclusive of allowances) specified in paragraph (a).”.

## MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to give effect to a decision to amend the Governor-General (Expenditure, Personal Staff, Tax Exemptions and Pensions) Act in order to provide for the emoluments appertaining to the office of Governor-General to be expressed as a percentage in relation to the emoluments appertaining to the office of the Chief Justice. The decision was made after a comparative analysis of the emoluments paid to the Governor-General in Jamaica relative to those in other countries in the Caribbean region, such as Trinidad and Tobago, St. Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda and Barbados.

AUDLEY SHAW, CD, MP  
Minister of Finance and the Public Service.

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