

ABILL

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AN ACT to Amend the Local Governance 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 Local Governance (Amendment) Act, 2017, and shall be read and construed as one with the Local Governance Act, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") and all other amendments thereto.

Short title
and
construction.

Amendment
of section 32
of principal
Act.

2. Section 32 of the principal Act is amended in paragraph (a) by inserting immediately before the words “the Council” the words “except for the month of August (during which no monthly meeting need be held),”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 18th day of July, 2017.

PEARNEL CHARLES, CD, MP, JP
Speaker.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 32 of the Local Governance Act, 2016, currently requires the Council of each Local Authority to hold monthly meetings. A decision has been taken to amend the Act so as to exclude the month of August from the requirement. The exclusion will allow for an adequate recess period for the Councils.

This Bill seeks to amend the Local Governance Act in order to give effect to that decision.

DESMOND MCKENZIE
Minister of Local Government and
Community Development.

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SECTION 32 OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT WHICH
IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND

32. The following rules with respect to meetings and proceedings of each Council shall be observed—

- (a) the Council shall hold monthly meetings for the transaction of general business;

