

No. 22 ] *House of Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Act* [ 2005.

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PEARLETTE LOUISY,  
*Governor-General.*

*24th October, 2005.*

## **SAINT LUCIA**

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**No. 22 of 2005**

**AN ACT** to amend the House of Assembly (Elections) Act.

[ 31st October, 2005 ]

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

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**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the House of Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Act 2005.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Act —

“principal Act” means the House of Assembly (Elections) Act 1979, No. 8 of 1979.

**Amendment of section 2**

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by inserting in their proper alphabetical sequence in that section, the following definitions:

“enumeration” means the conduct of verification or registration exercises in an electoral district for the purpose of verifying and registering eligible voters;

“enumerator” means a person appointed to conduct verification and registration of eligible voters during an enumeration;

“oath” includes affirmation and statutory declaration;

“qualified person” means a person who is qualified to be registered as an elector in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

“scrutineer” means a person appointed as a scrutineer pursuant to section 4 to observe the enumeration and registration of electors.

**Amendment of section 4**

4. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by —

(a) deleting paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and by replacing it with the following:

“(b) the following officers appointed by the Electoral Commission from among eligible persons:

(i) a Registration Officer for each electoral district;

(ii) such number of enumerators, enumerator co-ordinators, photographers and other persons as may be deemed necessary;

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- (iii) such number of scrutineers as determined by the Electoral Commission to be nominated by the Prime Minister and appointed by the Electoral Commission;
- (iv) such number of scrutineers, in equal numbers as appointed pursuant to sub-paragraph (iii), to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and appointed by the Electoral Commission to represent the official Opposition in Parliament.”;

(b) inserting the following subsection (5) after subsection (4):

“(5) For the purposes of paragraph (b) of subsection (1), an eligible person means a person who:

- (i) is not less than 18 years of age;
- (ii) is not declared to be a bankrupt;
- (iii) has not been convicted of a criminal offence except where the offence is a minor traffic offence or has been spent in accordance with the Criminal Records (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Act 2004.”.

**Amendment of section 14**

5. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word “three” where it appears in paragraph (b) and by replacing it with the word “five”.

Passed in the House of Assembly this 16th day of August, 2005.

J. BADEN ALLAIN,  
*Speaker of the House of Assembly.*

Passed in the Senate this 6th day of October, 2005.

HILFORD DETERVILLE,  
*President of the Senate.*