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**PUBLIC PERSONS (DECLARATION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES  
AND BUSINESS INTERESTS) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017**

*(Bill No. 14 of 2017)*

**OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Bill seeks to amend section 4 of the Public Persons (Declaration of Assets, Liabilities and Business Interests) Act, 2016 in order to lower the qualification level for appointment of Commissioner and also to provide that the Chairperson of the Public Officer's Ethics Commission may also hold the post of Commissioner with such allowance as may be determined by the President.

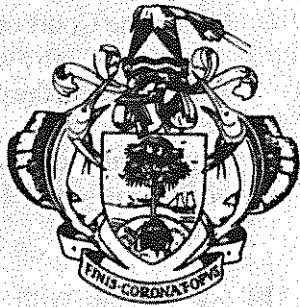
**Dated this 3rd day of July, 2017.**

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**A BILL**

**OF**

**AN ACT to amend the Public Persons (Declaration of Assets, Liabilities and Business Interests) Act, 2016.**

**ENACTED** by the President and the National Assembly.

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Persons (Declaration of Assets, Liabilities and Business Interests) (Amendment) Act, 2017. Short title

Amendment of  
Act 26 of 2016

2. The Public Persons (Declaration of Assets, Liabilities and Business Interests) Act, 2016 is hereby amended by repealing section 3 (4) and substituting therefor the following subsections—

“(4) The following persons shall be eligible for appointment as the Commissioner—

- (a) a person who has held or is qualified to hold the post of a Judge of the Supreme Court or Justice of Appeal and has shown outstanding distinction in the practice of law, and can efficiently, competently and impartially discharge the functions of the office of Judge or Justice of Appeal;
- (b) a person with integrity having acquired experience in a similar post.

(4A) The Chairperson of the Public Officers' Ethics Commission may be appointed as the Commissioner, *ex-officio*, and on such appointment he or she shall be eligible to receive such allowances as may be determined by the President.”