

AS TABLED IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

A BILL

entitled

STATISTICS AMENDMENT ACT 2010

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Statistics Act 2002;

Be it enacted by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Assembly of Bermuda, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Citation

1 This Act, which amends the Statistics Act 2002, may be cited as the Statistics Amendment Act 2010.

Amends section 5 of the Statistics Act 2002

2 Section 5 of the Statistics Act 2002 is amended—

- (a) in subsection (3)(a) by deleting the words “dates on or between which” and substituting “date on which, or the dates of the period between which,”; and
- (b) by inserting the following after subsection (3)—

“(4) Where an order has been made under subsection (3), the Minister may by notice—

- (a) change the date specified in the order as the date on which the census is to be taken; provided that he issues the notice not less than 7 days before the date on which the census is due to be taken;
- (b) extend, for no more than three months, the period during which a census is being taken; provided that he issues the notice not less than 14 days before the date on which the initial period of census taking is due to end; or
- (c) provide for one further three-month period of census taking after the initial period or any extension has come to an end; provided that he issues the notice not more than three months after the date upon which the initial period or any extension came to an end.

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- (5) A notice issued by the Minister—
- (a) under subsection (4)(a) or (b) shall not be subject to section 6 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1977; or
 - (b) under subsection (4)(c) shall be subject to the negative resolution procedure.”.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend section 5 of the Statistics Act 2002 (the “principal Act”).

Where the Minister has made an Order under section 5 of the principal Act directing that a census be taken, this Bill seeks to provide the Minister with power to amend the Order, by Notice, with respect to the dates of census taking only.

Clause 1 provides a citation for the Bill.

Clause 2 amends section 5 of the principal Act by making a housekeeping amendment in subsection (3), and by inserting a new subsection (4) and (5).

Paragraph (a) of the new subsection (4) provides for the Minister to issue a Notice changing the date on which a census is due to be taken; paragraph (b) provides for the Minister to issue a Notice extending the period of census taking while the census taking is still in progress; and paragraph (c) provides for the Minister to issue a Notice to provide for a further period of census taking where the initial period of census taking, or any extension, has come to an end.

The new subsection (5) provides for no parliamentary scrutiny in respect of Notices issued under the new subsection (4)(a) or (b); and for the negative resolution procedure to apply to a Notice issued under the new subsection (4)(c).