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AN ACT to amend the Industrial Court Act CAP. 214.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as The Industrial Court (Amendment) Act, 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“principal Act” means the Industrial Court Act, CAP, 214.

3. Amendment of section 4- Establishment of Industrial Court

The principal Act is amended in section 4—

(1) by repealing paragraph “a” of subsection (4) and substituting the following paragraph—

“(a) a President and Vice President, each being—“

(2) by inserting in subsection (5) after the word “President” wherever it appears the words “or Vice President” .

(3) by inserting in subsection (8) after the word “President” the words “or Vice President”.

4. Amendment of section 5-Period of Appointment, remuneration etc

The principal Act is amended in section 5 by inserting after the word “President” a “comma” and the words “Vice President”.

5. Amendment of section 7-Jurisdiction of Court

The principal Act is amended in section 7 subsection (5) by inserting after the word “President” the words “or Vice President”.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Industrial Courts Act Cap 214, to allow for the inclusion of a Vice President.

The Industrial Court has been plagued with a backlog of cases over the last several years, and the appointment of a Vice President to hear cases simultaneously with the President, (2 courtrooms operating at the same time) will bring a solution to the backlog and result in a more efficient administration of the Court's business.

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