

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to amend the 1997 Constitution of the Republic of The Gambia to revise the compulsory retirement age of a judge of a Superior Court, to remove the upper age limit for holding office as President of the Republic of The Gambia, and for connected matters.

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2017.

2. Amendment of the 1997 Constitution of the Republic of The Gambia

The 1997 Constitution of the Republic of The Gambia (In this Act referred to as "the Constitution") is amended as set out in this Act.

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3. Amendment of section 62

Section 62 (1) (b) of the Constitution is amended by deleting immediately after the words "he or she has attained the minimum age of thirty years", the words "but not more than sixty-five years".

4. Amendment of section 141

Section 141 (2) (b) of the Constitution is amended by substituting for the words "seventy years", the words "seventy-five years".

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to amend the 1997 Constitution of the Republic of The Gambia by extending the age at which a judge should vacate his or her office from seventy to seventy-five years and removing the upper age limit for holding office as President of the Republic of The Gambia.

It is envisaged that this will facilitate and encourage qualified, competent and experienced Gambians to be appointed as judges of the Superior Courts or be elected to political office.

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