



No. 20 of 2017

I assent,

(SIR COLVILLE N. YOUNG)
Governor-General

16th February, 2017

AN ACT to amend the Referendum Act, Chapter 10 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to make provision, in accordance with international best practice, for the holding of a referendum to be validated only by the satisfaction of voting thereon by a simple majority of votes cast, and without regard to the number of registered electors casting votes; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 25th February, 2017.)

BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the

Short title.

REFERENDUM (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017,

principal Act.

Repeal and
replacement of
section 5A of
principal Act

2. Section 5A of the principal Act is hereby repealed and replaced by the following -

“ Validity of
referendum.

5A. For greater certainty, it is declared that the issue or matter submitted to a referendum shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast.”.