

NOTICE

ANGUILLIAN STATUS ACT

Take Notice that the Bill shortly entitled the Anguillian Status Act published in Gazette Vol. 46; Friday 13th September, 2019; No. 29 has been withdrawn. A revised version of the same Bill is now published and attached to this notice.

The main purpose for withdrawing the Bill was to present the House of Assembly with a revised version of the Bill minus the insertion of the amendments which would have been made on the floor. The presentation of the revised Bill seamlessly incorporates the amendments which makes the Bill simpler to read and comprehend.

After the publication of the first version of the Bill it was apparent that members of the public did not appreciate that Anguillian status may be attained in 2 ways, that is, automatically and by way of the Anguillian Status Commission. In relation to the automatic acquisition of Anguillian status, the Chief Immigration Officer plays a crucial role by assisting members of the public in determining whether he or she satisfies the requirements for the automatic acquisition of Anguillian status. This revised version of the Bill seeks to further clarify these matters in clauses 5 and 6.

Also note that this revised version of the Bill makes the following changes—

- (1) before withdrawing Anguillian status the Commission must conduct a hearing (clause 8(4));
 - (2) in relation to the composition of the Anguillina status Commission, one member would now be appointed by the Minister acting on the advice of the Leader of the Opposition (clause 9(1)(b)(ii)); and
 - (3) the register of Anguillian status is a public document and shall be made available for inspection at the request of a member of the public (clause 19(2)).
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