



Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands

GOVERNMENT MOTION No. 8/2011-2012

REFERENDUM ON SINGLE MEMBER CONSTITUENCIES AND ONE MAN, ONE VOTE

WHEREAS Section 69 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 provides that a law enacted by the Legislature may make provision to hold a referendum amongst persons registered as electors in accordance with Section 90 on a matter or matters of national importance;

AND WHEREAS there has been much debate for the last decade on the subject of our voting system, in particular single member constituencies with One Man, One Vote;

AND WHEREAS in recent times the Opposition and the Elected Member for North Side has used this issue to cause great consternation and division in our small community, and a petition with the intention to cause a people initiated referendum pursuant to Section 70 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 has been circulated;

AND WHEREAS on April 11th 2012 the Government announced that it intended to hold a referendum on the subject of Single Member Constituencies and One Man, One Vote on July 18th, 2012;

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the following question be declared to be a matter of national importance:

“Do you support an electoral system of Single Member Constituencies with each elector being entitled to cast only one vote”?

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said question be specified in a Bill and brought by the Government to this Legislative Assembly for debate in accordance with the provisions of Section 69 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009.

Moved by: Hon. W. McKeever Bush, OBE, JP
Premier and Minister of Finance, Tourism and Development

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 18th day of April, 2012.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this 9th day of May, 2012

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly