



Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 16 of 2026-2027

Motion to amend the Constitution to align eligibility requirements for the Office of Attorney General with those of the Deputy Governor and elected Members of Parliament

WHEREAS Section 34 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 (as amended) establishes the office of the Deputy Governor and Section 61 prescribes the qualifications for elected Members of Parliament. Specific constitutional eligibility and qualification requirements—including defined Caymanian status, lineage, and connection criteria—for holding such offices are set out in the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 (as amended);

AND WHEREAS Section 56 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 (as amended) establishes the office of the Attorney General as an ex officio member of Cabinet and Parliament, serving as the principal legal adviser to the Government and Parliament;

AND WHEREAS Section 106 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 (as amended) vests the authority to appoint the Attorney General in the Governor, acting in accordance with the advice of the Judicial and Legal Services Commission (JLSC);

AND WHEREAS during the 2018–2020 constitutional reform process, His Majesty's Government (United Kingdom) affirmed the policy precedent that non-controversial constitutional modifications reflecting mutual agreement and consensus between the Cayman Islands Government and the Official Opposition may be advanced administratively to the UK Privy Council by way of Parliamentary Resolution without the necessity of a national referendum;

AND WHEREAS it is a vital principle of constitutional equity, national identity, and governance parity that all non-elected ex officio constitutional officers holding seats in Parliament satisfy the same baseline constitutional eligibility and status criteria required of the Deputy Governor and elected Members of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS this proposed constitutional amendment in no way seeks to alter, limit, or diminish the independent constitutional authority of the Judicial and Legal Services Commission under Section 106 to assess professional legal qualifications, evaluate character and merit, or advise the Governor on appointments, but rather seeks solely to establish a threshold constitutional eligibility prerequisite within which the Commission shall exercise its functions;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Government considers:

1. Affirming that all persons serving as ex officio members of Cabinet and Parliament should meet the same threshold constitutional eligibility and status requirements as other sitting members;
2. Initiating formal constitutional discussions with His Majesty's Government (United Kingdom) to enact an amendment to Section 56 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 (as amended); *and*
3. Specifying in the proposed amendment that, any person appointed to the office of **Attorney General** must meet the same threshold Caymanian eligibility, status, and lineage criteria as currently prescribed for the office of **Deputy Governor** under Section 34 and for elected **Members of Parliament** under Section 61 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 (as amended).

Moved By: Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town Central

Seconded By: Mrs. Julie T. J. Hunter, JP, MP
Elected Member for West Bay West

Received in the Office of the Clerk this **8th** day of **October, 2026**.

Passed/Rejected by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Clerk of the Parliament