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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

This Act may be cited as the Local Government (Amendment) Act, 2015, and shall come into force on the 1st day of July 2015.

2. Amendment of section 14 of Ch. 37.

Section 14(1)(b) of the Local Government Act is amended—

- (a) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (j); and
- (b) by substituting the full stop at the end of paragraph (k) with a semi-colon and inserting immediately thereafter the following new paragraph —

“(l) shall have in relation to that district the powers of the Chief Valuation Officer under the Real Property Tax Act (*Ch. 375*) to collect the real property taxes in respect of all property in the district assessed for taxation and, for that purpose, shall use the assessment lists prepared by the Chief Valuation Officer and the relevant provisions of the Real Property Tax Act shall apply, with the necessary modifications, and as if the references therein to the Chief Valuation Officer were references to a Council.”.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Clause 1 of the Bill sets out the short title and commencement.

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to amend the Local Government Act (Ch.37) to enable the Local Government District Councils to collect real property taxes.