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THE PARLIAMENT ACT, 2023

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SIGNED this 2nd day of May, 2023.

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President.

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THE PARLIAMENT ACT, 2023

Short title.

Being an Act to provide for the establishment of Parliamentary Commission, to provide for the leadership and governance structure of Parliament, to provide for the establishment of the Parliamentary Service, to provide for salaries and other benefits of Members of Parliament and staff and to provide for other related matters.

[

] Date of commencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled.

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Interpretation.

1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Chief Whip" means a member of the governing party in Parliament appointed from among members of his party whose role is to ensure that members of his party are disciplined in Parliament;

"Clerk of Parliament" means the Clerk of Parliament appointed under section 82 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone Act No. 6 of 1991;

"Commission" means the Parliamentary Commission established by section 2;

"Deputy Chief Whip" means a Member of Parliament whose role is to deputise the Chief Whip;

"Deputy Leader of Government Business" means the Leader in Parliament whose role is to deputise the Leader of Government Business;

"Deputy Leader of Opposition" means the Leader in Parliament whose role is to deputise the Leader of Opposition;

"Director-General" means the Director-General of the Parliamentary Service appointed by the Parliamentary Service Commission;

"Female Caucus" means the assembly of all female Members of Parliament that meet to pursue common legislative objectives;

"Financial year" means a period of one year ending on the 31st day of December;

"Governing Party" means the party in Parliament whose Government is in power;

"Leader of Government Business" means the Leader in Parliament whose party is in Government;