BELIZE:

BELIZE CONSTITUTION (ELEVENTH AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

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for

AN ACT to amend the Belize Constitution, Chapter 4 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to provide additional grounds for the disqualification of a person as a member of the National Assembly; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(*Gazetted*2021).

BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the

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and shall be read and construed as one with the Belize Constitution, which, as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

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- **2.** Section 58 (1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting the following new sub-paragraphs immediately after sub-paragraph (d)—
 - "(da) has served a sentence of imprisonment for more than twelve months, imposed by a court in or outside of Belize;
 - (db) is under a sentence of imprisonment, or has served a sentence of imprisonment, imposed by a court in or outside of Belize, for an offence in relation to corruption or abuse of public office".
- 3. Section 59(3)(a) of the principal Act is amended by inserting the words "or convicted of an offence in relation to corruption or abuse of

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public office" immediately after the words "or convicted of an offence relating to elections,".

4. Section 63(1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting the following new sub-paragraphs immediately after sub-paragraph (e)—

Amendment of section 63

- "(ea) has served a sentence of imprisonment for more than twelve months, imposed by a court in or outside of Belize;
- (eb) is under a sentence of imprisonment, or has served a sentence of imprisonment, imposed by a court in or outside of Belize, for an offence in relation to corruption or abuse of public office".
- 5. Section 64(3)(a) of the principal Act is amended by inserting the words "or convicted of an offence in relation to corruption or abuse of public office," immediately after the words "or convicted of an offence relating to elections,".

Amendment of section 64.