

1. This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st day of March, 2005.

2. The Independent Media Commission Act, 2000 is hereby amended by the repeal and replacement of section 4 by the following section:—

“Composition of Commission.

4. (1) The Commission shall consist of a Chairman and ten other members all of whom shall be appointed by the President, acting on the advice of SLAJ and subject to the approval of Parliament.

(2) The Chairman shall be either a person with wide experience as a media practitioner or a legal practitioner qualified to hold office as a Judge of the High Court of Sierra Leone and the other members shall comprise:—

(a) two legal practitioners each of whom is qualified to hold office as a Judge of the High Court of Sierra Leone;

(b) two experts in the field of telecommunications;

(c) two experts in the field of radio or television;

(d) two experts in the field of print journalism;

(e) a representative of the Minister responsible for information who shall be an ex-officio member; and

(f) a representative of SLAJ who shall be an ex-officio member.”

Passed in Parliament this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.

J. A. CARPENTER,
Clerk of Parliament.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Bill.

J. A. CARPENTER,
Clerk of Parliament.