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**Supreme Court (Appointment of Resident Judges)
Amendment Bill 2013**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Overview

The Supreme Court (Appointment of Resident Judges) Amendment Bill 2013 introduces amendments to the Supreme Court Act 1933.

The key objective of the Act is to increase the number of judges in the Supreme Court to at least five, including the Chief Justice.

Detail

Clauses 1 - 3

These clauses set out the name of the Act, the commencement date and the legislation amended by the Act.

Specifically, this Act commences on the day after its notification day.

Clauses 4

This is the main operative clause of the Act. It substitutes Section 4(1) of the Supreme Court Act 1933 with a new section.

The new section states that the Executive must appointment, as resident judges, a Chief Justice of the court, and at least four other judges of the court.

Clause 5

This clause introduces new sub section 4(5) in to the Supreme Court Act 1933. This section provides that at any time should there be fewer than five resident judges of the court, the Executive must appointment the required number of judges to ensure there are at least five.