

## Internet consultation texts

### **In brief**

Since the constitutional reform of 10/10/10, by which the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba became part of the Dutch constitutional system as public entities, the European Netherlands and the public entities have worked hard to improve administrative and financial relations. The basis for administrative and financial relations is set out in the Public Entities Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba Act (hereinafter: WolBES) and the Public Entities Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba Finances Act (hereinafter: FinBES). In view of the experience gained, the proposed amendment to these laws aims to further improve inter-administrative relations between the European Netherlands and the public entities.

This purpose of this bill is to strengthen and improve inter-administrative relations between the Caribbean public entities Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba and the European Netherlands. In addition, the systems for administrative and financial supervision will be updated. The most important amendments to WolBES relate to the discontinuation of the position of kingdom representative, the increase in the number of island council members and executive council members and the modernisation of inter-administrative supervision.

FinBES relates among other things to the public entities' budget and financial management, their power to raise taxes and their financial relationship with the European Netherlands. In addition, FinBES regulates the financial supervision and the tasks and powers in this context of the supervisory authority (the Minister of BZK), the Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba Board of Financial Supervision and the island administration with regard to finances. Financial supervision is used where improvement is considered desirable.

### **Who it is important for**

All citizens of the Caribbean Netherlands.

- At the local elections, citizens will notice in due course that the number of island council members has been increased. The proposed increase in the number of island council members and the number of island commissioners will strengthen administrative power and local democracy. It will also ensure wider, more varied political input from the population.
- Most of the changes are administrative matters that only indirectly affect the majority of citizens.
- Nevertheless, everyone is invited to respond to the open Internet consultation. The explanatory memorandum to the bill and the IAK (Integral Assessment Framework) form are available in English and Papiamentu as well as Dutch.

### **What this law will change**

A number of proposals have been made to improve administrative and financial relations. There are plans to increase the number of island council members and governing council members. This will strengthen local democracy. In addition, the position of the Government Representative is being discontinued. Some of the associated duties will be transferred to the lieutenant governor. The amendments also seek to make supervising the performance of the islands' tasks simpler and more flexible.

The legislative amendments will help ensure a better functioning and more effective government and less bureaucracy, which will benefit the inhabitants of the Caribbean Netherlands.

### **Practical examples**

The main proposals are:

- The scrapping of the position of kingdom representative;
- The establishment of differentiated inter-administrative supervision models;
- The increase in the number of island council members and island commissioners;

- The establishment of differentiated supervision models for financial management and the budget.

### **Question**

What do you think of the bill? More information about the bill can be found in the appendices.

This explanatory memorandum is available in Dutch, English and Papiamentu.

### **What responses can be made to**

- Responses can be made to all parts of this bill and the accompanying explanatory memorandum.

## Partinan di teksto tokante konsulta via internet

### En breve

Desde e reforma estatal riba 10-10-10, ku kua e islanan di Boneiru, Sint Eustatius i Saba komo Entidatnan Públiko ta forma parti di e sistema gubernamental hulandes, Hulanda oropeoi e Entidatnan Públiko a traha duru riba mehorashon di e relashonnan gubernamental i finansiero. A elaborá e base pa e relashonnan gubernamental i finansiero den e Lei Entidatnan Públiko Boneiru, Sint Eustatius i Saba (WolBES) i e Lei Finansiero Entidatnan Públiko Boneiru, Sint Eustatius i Saba (FinBES). Ku e kambio proponé di e leinan aki, i ku bista pa e eksperensianan ku a haña, lo hasi esfuerso pa sigui mehorá e relashonnan intergubernamental entre Hulanda oropeoi e Entidatnan Públiko.

E proposishon di lei aki tin komo meta pa fortalesé i pa mehorá e relashonnan intergubernamental entre e Entidatnan Públiko Karibense di Boneiru, Sint Eustatius i Saba, i Hulanda oropeo Tambe, lo renobá e sistemanan pa supervishon gubernamental i finansiero. E kambionan di mas importante di e WolBES ta relashoná ku terminashon di e funshon di e Representante di Reino, oumento di e kantidat di miembro di konseho insular i miembro di kolegio ehekutivo, i modernisashon di e supervishon intergubernamental.

E FinBES entre otro ta relashoná ku e presupuesto i e maneho finansiero di e Entidatnan Públiko, nan kompetensia pa kobra impuesto, i e relashon finansiero ku Hulanda oropeo Tambe, e FinBES ta regla e supervishon finansiero i e tareanan i kompetensianan den e kuadro aki di e supervisor (Minister di BZK), e Kolegio supervishon finansiero di Boneiru, Sint Eustatius i Saba, i di e gobernashon insular enkuanto finansa. Lo apliká e supervishon finansiero einan unda ta konsiderá ku mehorashon ta deseabel.

### Importante pa ken

Tur siudadano di Hulanda Karibense.

- Ku tempu, siudadanonan lo ripará durante elekshonnan lokal ku lo oumentá e kantidat di miembro di konseho insular. Dor di e oumento proponé di e kantidat di miembro di konseho insular i e kantidat di diputado, lo fortalesé e forsa di gobernashon i alabes e demokrasia lokal. Ademas, e ta sòru pa un ampliashon i diferensiasion di e aporte polítiko for di e poblashon.
- E parti di mas grandi di e kambionan tin komo meta pa fortalesé i pa mehorá e relashonnan intergubernamental entre e Entidatnan Públiko Karibense di Boneiru, Sint Eustatius i Saba, i Hulanda oropeo
- Sinembargo, lo invitá tur hende pa reakshoná riba e konsulta habrí via internèt. Fuera di hulandes, e memoria di akklarashon serka e proposishon di lei i e asina yamá formulario IAK ta optenibel na ingles i papiamentu, tambe.

### Kambionan di mas importante den WolBES i FinBES

Pa mehora e relashonnan atministrativo i finansiero ta hasi algun proposishon. E meta ta pa oumentá e kantidat di miembronan di Konseho Insular i di Kolegio Ehekutivo. Esaki ta reforsá e demokrasia lokal. Ademas ta eliminá e funshon di Representante di Reino. Un parti di e tareanan ta bai pa e gezaghèber. Mas aleu ta e intenshon pa hasi supervishon di ehekushon di e tareanan insular mas simpel i mas fleksibel. E kambionan di lei ta kontribuí na un gobièrnu ku ta funshoná mihó i ku ta mas efikás ku ménos burokrasia, loke ta benefisiá e habitantenan di Hulanda Karibense.

### Ehèmpelnan for di práktika

E proposishonnan di mas importante ta:

- Terminshon di e funshon di Representante di Reino;
- Establesimentu di modelonan diferensia di supervishon intergubernamental;
- Oumento di e kantidat di miembro di konseho insular i di diputado;
- Establesimentu di modelonan di supervishon diferensia pa maneho finansiero i pa e presupuesto.

**Pregunta**

Kiko bo ta pensa di e proposishon di lei? Bo por haña mas informashon tokante e proposishon di lei den e aneksonan.

E memoria di akklarashon aki ta disponibel na hulandes, ingles, i papiamentu.

**Riba kiko por reakshoná**

- Por reakshoná riba tur parti di e proposishon di lei aki, i riba e memoria di splikashon korespondiente.