



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

# VACANCY

On the basis of article 44 of the Constitution, the Parliament represents the entire people of Sint Maarten. This body is also referred to by the terms 'people's representation' and currently consists of 15 members. The Parliament has two main tasks: to control the government and to act as co-legislator. In order to be able to carry out these tasks, Members of Parliament have various powers at their disposal, such as the right of amendment, the right of initiative, the right to ask questions, the right of interpellation, the budget right, the right of inquiry, etc.

The secretariat is the central service department of the Parliament and is charged with providing organizational, administrative and legal support to the Parliament and its Members in the performance of their duties.

The secretariat is currently looking for a suitable candidate for the position of:

## **1ST ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL/LEGISLATIVE LAWYER**

### **Function content:**

- Replace the Secretary General in his absence;
- Monitors and analyses social and political developments in the long and medium-term and considers their consequences for the tasks of the organization;
- Advises on the interpretation and application of laws and regulations;
- Advises on specific aspects of public administration;
- Conducts (inter)national and (inter)departmental consultations and provides input regarding proposals for the introduction of new laws and regulations or for amending laws and regulations;
- Conducts legal research and studies and analyses both local and Dutch and National laws and regulations, regulations pursuant to the cooperation regulations, treaties, and if necessary case law;
- Conducts research into the legality, feasibility and effectiveness of intended laws and regulations and intended legislative changes;
- Initiates the establishment or amendment of regulations and draws up legal texts, explanations and advice notes and supervises their process;
- Is (co)responsible for the preparation and aftercare of Public meetings, Central Committee meetings and committee meetings;
- Makes a substantive contribution to management reports;

### **Job requirements:**

- A completed academic legal education with an understanding of administrative and constitutional law as well as civil law, legislative procedures and legislation technique knowledge;
- At least 3 years of relevant work experience;
- Insight into the functioning of the public administration, the government organization and the related decision-making circuits and sensitivities on Sint Maarten;
- Skill in articulating the positions to be taken in committees, project, work and consultation groups, whether or not institutionalized;
- Skill in formulating complex legal policy advice;
- Excellent written and oral expression skills in Dutch and English. Knowledge of Papiamentu and/or Spanish and/or French is a plus.

### **Working conditions:**

The salary associated with this position depends on your education and your experience and is between NAfl. 8,070.00 and up to NAfl. 11,128.00 gross per month for a full working week of 40 hours. The National Ordinance on substantive civil service law and other legal positional regulations for the government employees of Sint Maarten apply.

If you live abroad, the moving and transport costs will be reimbursed in accordance with current policy.

### **Contact information:**

You can send your application letter and curriculum vitae including copies of diplomas obtained to the Secretary General of the Parliament, Mr. G.J. Richardson, LL.M, ML, Wilhelminastraat 1, Sint Maarten or via e-mail: garrick.richardson@sxmparliament.org stating the job vacancy title in the subject before December 30, 2022.

For more information about the position and the organization, please contact Mr. G.J. Richardson, LL.M, ML, Secretary General, at telephone numbers (1-721) 542-0812/542-0635.