

I assent,  
C. C. WOOLLEY,

Governor.

10th April, 1952.

ORDINANCE No. 7 OF 1952.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for the registration of all British subjects of full age or who will have attained full age on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, other than persons subject to certain disqualifications, and who will have been resident in the Colony for not less than two years on the aforesaid date or who are domiciled in the Colony; and for purposes connected therewith.

[12th April, 1952]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of British Guiana, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

A.D. 1952.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Special Registration Ordinance, 1952. Short title.

2. In this Ordinance —

Interpreta-  
tion.

“district” or “sub-district” means any of the districts or sub-districts respectively into which the Colony was divided under the provisions of the Census Ordinance, 1946;

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1946.

“the appointed day” means the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

3. There shall be prepared for each district, not later than the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, lists of all qualified persons resident in such district in the manner hereinafter provided. Lists of  
qualified  
persons to  
be pre-  
pared.

4. Subject to the provisions of section five of this Ordinance, any person who — Qualified  
persons.

(a) is a British subject of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, or who will have attained the age of twenty-one years on or before the appointed day; and

(b) will have resided in the Colony for not less than two years immediately before the appointed day, or is domiciled in the Colony,

shall be a qualified person for the purposes of this Ordinance.

5. No person who —

Persons  
not quali-  
fied.

(a) is a person adjudged to be of unsound mind under any law in force in the Colony; or

(b) has been sentenced in any part of Her Majesty's dominions to death, penal servitude or imprisonment for a term exceeding twelve months, and has not either suffered the punishment to which he was sentenced or such other punishment as by competent authority may have been substituted, or received a free pardon from Her Majesty,

shall be a qualified person for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Appoint-  
ment of  
Registra-  
tion Offi-  
cer.

6. (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint a fit and proper person to be Registration Officer for the purposes of this Ordinance and such appointment shall be published in the *Gazette*.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Registration Officer to make such arrangements and do all such acts as may be necessary for the registration of all qualified persons in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, and for that purpose to make arrangements for the preparation and issue of the necessary forms and instructions and for all other matters necessary for the due carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance.

(3) The Registration Officer shall receive such remuneration as the Governor may direct.

(4) The Registration Officer, in the exercise of his powers and duties under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to the control of, and comply with any directions given by, the Governor.

Appoint-  
ment of  
supervis-  
ors and  
enumerators.

7. (1) It shall be lawful for the Registration Officer, with the approval of the Governor, to appoint for each district a supervisor and such enumerators as he may deem necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) Where any supervisor or enumerator is, by reason of illness or for any other cause unfit to perform his duties, the Registration Officer may, with the approval of the Governor, appoint some fit and proper person in his place to perform those duties.

(3) Every supervisor and enumerator shall receive such remuneration as the Governor may direct.

(4) Every supervisor and enumerator shall be subject to the control of, and comply with any directions given by, the Registration Officer.

Duties of  
supervis-  
ors.

8. (1) It shall be the duty of every supervisor to make such arrangements and do all such acts as may be necessary for the registration of all qualified persons resident in the district in respect of which he has been appointed, and, subject to the directions of the Registration Officer, to exercise a general control over the enumerators appointed for that district.

(2) A supervisor may, for the better carrying out of his duties under this section, assign enumerators to such sub-districts within the district for which he has been appointed as he may think fit.

(3) Every supervisor shall be responsible for the safe custody of the lists of qualified persons delivered to him by the enumerators under the provisions of this Ordinance.

9. (1) It shall be the duty of every enumerator to ascertain the name, address and occupation of every qualified person within the sub-district to which he has been assigned by a house to house visitation. Duties of enumerators.

(2) From the information so obtained each enumerator shall prepare a list of all qualified persons within his sub-district in the form prescribed by Regulations made under this Ordinance, and shall certify such list as correct and deliver it to the supervisor of the district of which his sub-district forms part.

10. (1) Every supervisor shall examine and make any necessary corrections to the lists delivered to him by the enumerators and shall forward such lists to the Registration Officer as soon as possible after copies of such lists have been posted up in each sub-district for at least fourteen days. Lists to be forwarded to Registration Officer.

(2) The Registration Officer shall satisfy himself that all lists of qualified persons required to be prepared under this Ordinance are duly delivered to him, and shall deal with such lists as the Governor may direct.

11. (1) Any person who has the custody or charge of any public records from which any information relevant to the preparation of any lists may be obtained shall grant access thereto to the Registration Officer, and to any supervisor, enumerator, or other person authorised in writing by the Registration Officer to inspect the same, and shall permit him to make copies thereof or extracts therefrom. Right of certain persons to inspect public records.

(2) In this section "public records" means any book, document or writing of whatever kind belonging to the Government of British Guiana, or to any municipal or public body, or to any local authority under the Local Government Ordinance, 1945, or to the authorities of any church or school. No. 14 of 1945.

12. It shall be lawful for any supervisor or enumerator to enter at any reasonable time any house, land or other place within the district in respect of which he has been appointed, or within the sub-district to which he has been assigned, for the purpose of securing any information he may consider necessary for the purpose of carrying out his duties under the provisions of this Ordinance. Powers of entry.

13. (1) Any person who, being employed under the provisions of this Ordinance in connection with the preparation of any list, — Offences.

- (a) knowingly falsely certifies any list to be correct; or
- (b) wilfully enters in any list the name of any person not qualified; or
- (c) wilfully omits from any list the name of any person entitled to be entered therein,

shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

(2) Any person who —

- (a) wilfully gives false information to any supervisor or enumerator for the purpose of causing the name of any person to be entered in the list; or

- (b) impedes or obstructs any supervisor or enumerator in the exercise of any of his functions or the performance of any of his duties under the provisions of this Ordinance,

shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding one hundred and twenty dollars.

Power of  
Governor  
to give  
directions.

14. Where any difficulty arises in the carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance, the Governor may give such directions as he may think fit for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance, and any person acting in pursuance thereof shall be deemed to be acting in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Regula-  
tions.

15. The Governor in Council may make Regulations for the better carrying into effect of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, may make Regulations —

- (a) prescribing the duties of persons employed for the purposes of this Ordinance;
- (b) with respect to the forms to be used by enumerators; and
- (c) for the allowances to be paid to persons employed for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Expenses  
of execu-  
tion of  
Ordinance.

16. The expenses incurred in the execution of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by the Legislative Council for the purpose.