

I assent.

RICHARD E. LUYT

Governor.

30th April, 1965.

ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 1965

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS (AMENDMENT)
ORDINANCE, 1965.

Arrangement of Sections.

Section

1. Short title and commencement.
2. Amendment of section 6 of Chapter 162.
3. Amendment of section 34 of Chapter 162.
4. Amendment of section 35 of Chapter 162.
5. Amendment of section 49 of Chapter 162.
6. Amendment of section 50 of Chapter 162.
7. Amendment of section 51 of Chapter 162.
8. Insertion of sections 51A and 51B in Chapter 162.
9. General amendment of Chapter 162 and regulations made thereunder.
10. Repeal of section 5 of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Ordinance, 1955.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Registration of Births and Deaths Ordinance to provide for the exclusion from certified extracts from registers of births and deaths of references to racial origin and for the reduction in the fees chargeable for searches in registers and for certified extracts.

[1st May, 1965]

A.D. 1965

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

Short title
and com-
mencement.
Cap. 162.

1.(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Ordinance, 1965, and shall be construed and read as one with the Registration of Births and Deaths Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same.

(2) The proviso to subsection (3) of section 49 of the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance, and paragraph (e) of section 7 of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 5th November, 1962.

Amendment of
section 6 of
Chapter 162.

2. Section 6 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the substitution of the words “extracts from” for the words “copies of” wherever they appear therein; and

- (b) by the substitution of the word "extract" for the word "copy" in the fifth line of subsection (2) thereof.

3. Subsection (1) of section 34 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of the word "twenty-five" for the word "fifty" appearing in the seventeenth and nineteenth lines thereof. Amendment of section 34 of Chapter 162.

4. Subsection (1) of section 35 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of the word "twenty-five" for the word "fifty" in the fourteenth line thereof. Amendment of section 35 of Chapter 162.

5. Section 49 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects — Amendment of section 49 of Chapter 162.

- (a) by the substitution of the words "extract from" for the words "copy of" in the fourth and fifth lines of subsection (2);
- (b) by the repeal of subsection (3) and the substitution therefor of the following subsection —

"(3) For every general search of the indices there shall be paid the sum of five dollars, and for every particular search the sum of twenty-five cents, and for every certified extract the sum of sixty cents:

Provided that no sum shall be payable for a search where a person supplies the correct name, date and place of birth thereby enabling any entry or entries in any register aforesaid to be traced from the information supplied."

6. Section 50 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of the word "extracts" for the word "copies" in the ninth and tenth lines thereof. Amendment of section 50 of Chapter 162.

7. Section 51 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects — Amendment of section 51 of Chapter 162.

- (a) by the substitution of the words "an extract" for the words "a copy" in the third and fourth lines thereof;
- (b) by the substitution of the word "from" for the word "of" in the fourth line thereof;
- (c) by the substitution of the word "extract" for the word "copy" in the last line thereof;
- (d) by the substitution of the word "twenty-five" for the word "fifty" in the sixth line thereof;
- (e) by the substitution of a colon for the full stop at the end of the section and the addition thereto of the following proviso —

"Provided that no sum shall be payable for a search where a person supplies the correct name, date

and place of birth thereby enabling any entry or entries in any register book to be traced from the information supplied."

Insertion of sections 51A and 51B in Chapter 162.

8. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion of the following sections immediately after section 51 —

"Contents of certified extracts.

51A. Where a certified extract from an entry in a register is issued under the provisions of this Ordinance the extract shall not include any reference to the racial origin of any person referred to therein.

Fee for priority search.

51B. The fee payable in respect of each priority search shall be double the corresponding fee payable in respect of any other kind of search:

Provided that the fee payable in respect of a particular priority search shall be twenty-five cents."

General amendment of Chapter 162 and regulations made thereunder.

9. The Principal Ordinance (except for sections 3 and 5) and any regulations made thereunder are hereby amended in the following respects —

(a) in section 2 of the Principal Ordinance the following definition shall be inserted before the definition of "the Registrar General" —

' "Minister" means the Minister for the time being charged with responsibility for the Registrar General's Department; '

(b) the word "Minister" shall be substituted for the words "Governor" and "Governor in Council" wherever they occur;

(c) the words "Accountant General" shall be substituted for the words "Financial Secretary" wherever they occur; and

(d) the words "House of Assembly" shall be substituted for the words "Legislative Council" and "Governor and Legislative Council" wherever they occur.

Repeal of section 5 of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Ordinance, 1955. (No. 57 of 1955.

10. Section 5 of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Ordinance, 1955, is hereby repealed.

Passed by the House of Assembly on the 31st of March, 1965.

E. V. VIAPREE,
Clerk of the Legislature.

(M.P. RG 11/3).
(Bill No. 6/1965).