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The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly is published for general information.

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Clerk of the National Assembly.



## **GUYANA**

BILL No. 11 of 1979

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

### **SECTION**

- 1. Short title.**
- 2. Alteration of article 82 of the Constitution.**

## A BILL

## Intituled

AN ACT to effect an alteration to article 82 of the Constitution in accordance with article 73 thereof.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) Act 1979.

Alteration  
of article  
82 of the  
Constitution.  
Act No. 14  
of 1978

2. Article 82 of the Constitution shall be construed and section 2 of the Constitution (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1978, have effect as if for the words "six years and three months" in there were substituted the words "seven years and three months."

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

For the purpose of enabling the people of Guyana to submit memoranda and other evidence to a Constituent Assembly and participate as fully and actively as possible in the work of framing a new Constitution for Guyana and for the purpose of enabling that new Constitution to be established by law as the framework within which the next general elections would be held, the term of the existing Parliament was extended by Act of Parliament for a period of fifteen months with effect from 26th July, 1978.

The Constituent Assembly has received a large number of memoranda and other documentary submissions from individual citizens and from organisations representing broad and diverse political, social, industrial, cultural and religious interests, and has also received notification from an equally large number of citizens who wish to give oral evidence either in amplification of their written submissions or in place of such submissions. In pursuance of its mandate, the Constituent Assembly has already considered a number of memoranda and other documentary submissions, has taken a large volume of oral evidence and has been visiting and holding sessions in hinterland areas and other parts of the country with a view to consulting the widest possible spectrum of public opinion.

However, having regard to the number of memoranda and written submissions still to be considered, the number of individual citizens and

organisations still to give oral evidence and the various parts of the country still to be visited, it has become obvious that the Constituent Assembly cannot complete its work within the time-frame originally contemplated.

The consequence is that the Assembly will need further time for the completion of its work. To accommodate this need this Bill seeks accordingly to extend the term of the existing Parliament for a period of twelve months.

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Prime Minister.

