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DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1966

Arrangement of Sections

Section.

1. Short Title.
2. Amendment of Chapter 192.
3. Amendment of other enactments.
4. Transitional.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Drainage and Irrigation Ordinance and other enactments relating to Drainage and Irrigation.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

A.D. 1966.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Drainage and Irrigation (Amendment) Ordinance, 1966, and shall be construed and read as one with the Drainage and Irrigation Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same. Short Title
Esp. 192

2. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects — Amendment
of Chapter
192.

- (a) by the insertion immediately after the definition of the words "local authority" of the following definition — "Minister" means the Minister for the time being charged with the responsibility for drainage and irrigation.;
- (b) by the substitution of the following definition for the definition of the word "work" —

"work" means any reservoir, canal, trench, drain, culvert, sluice, koker, koker runs or training walls of outfall channels, aqueduct, weir, dam, lock, syphon stop off, paal off, fence, bridge, road, watch-house or building used for housing sluice operations, rangers and pumping station attendants, which has been or which may hereafter be made, erected, constructed or used for the purpose of drainage or irrigation and includes any machinery or power station used in connection with any of the foregoing.;
- (c) by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4 —

" (a) the officers for the time being performing the duties of Chief Works and Hydraulics Officer, the Chief Agricultural Officer and the Commissioner of Local Government (hereinafter referred to as "ex officio members")."
- (d) the word "Minister" shall be substituted for the word "Governor" wherever it appears;

- (e) the word "Minister" shall be substituted for the words "Governor in Council" wherever they appear;
- (f) the words "House of Assembly" shall be substituted for the words "Legislative Council" wherever they appear.

Amendment
of other
enactments.
Schedule.

3. The enactments specified in the first column of the schedule to the Ordinance shall be amended in the manner set out in the second column thereof.

Transitional

4. Anything commenced by the Governor or Governor in Council under the provisions of the Principal Ordinance or any other enactment referred to in this Ordinance prior to the commencement of this Ordinance and remaining to be done may be continued by the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the provisions of the Principal Ordinance or other enactments aforesaid as amended by this Ordinance.

SCHEDULE

Section 3

	Enactment	Amendment
No. 4 of 1954	Drainage and Irrigation (Boersiririe Extension Project) (Special Provisions) Ordinance, 1954.	(a) The word "Minister" shall be substituted for the words "Governor in Council" wherever they appear; (b) the words "House of Assembly" shall be substituted for the words "Legislative Council" wherever they appear.
No. 30 of 1955	Drainage and Irrigation (Amendment) Ordinance, 1955. Section 9.	The word "Minister" shall be substituted for the words "Governor in Council" wherever they appear.
No. 17 of 1961	Drainage and Irrigation (Declaration of Area) (No. 3) Ordinance, 1961, Section 4.	The word "Minister" shall be substituted for the words "Governor in Council" wherever they appear.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The "ex officio" members of the Drainage and Irrigation Board are the Director of Drainage and Irrigation, the Director of Public Works and the Commissioner of Local Government. By the Adaptation of Laws Ordinance, 1963, the functions of the holders of the former offices of Director of Drainage and Irrigation and Director of Public Works are now being performed by the Chief Works and Hydraulics Officer. As a result of this the number of "ex officio" members of the Board has been reduced to two. It is considered desirable that there should be three "ex officio" members and it is proposed that the Chief Agricultural Officer be made a member of the Board.

2. Paragraph (b) of clause 2 of this Bill seeks to extend the definition of the word "work" to include koker runs or training walls of outfall channels and watch-houses or buildings used for the housing of sluice operators, rangers and pumping station attendants.

3. Paragraph (d), (e) and (f) of clause 2, and clause 3 of this Bill seeks to vest in the Minister for the time being responsible for drainage and irrigation certain powers previously exercised by the Governor and the Governor in Council.

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