

Bill No. 14 of 1965

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DEEDS REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1965.

Arrangement of Sections.

Section

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Amendment of section 4 of Chapter 32.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Deeds Registry Ordinance.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana :—

A.D. 1965.

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

Short title.
Cap. 32.

2. Section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion of the following subsections —

Amendment of section 4 of Chapter 32.

“(3) Anything in subsection (1) of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, a person who —

- (a) is a barrister or solicitor and who within a period of five years prior to his qualifying as such has had at least one year’s experience as an assistant sworn clerk in the deeds registry; or
- (b) is a barrister or solicitor of not less than one year’s standing,

may be appointed a notary public or sworn clerk for such time as he may hold a public office in the deeds registry.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3) of this section —

“barrister” means any person duly admitted to practice before the Supreme Court as a barrister;

“public office” has the meaning assigned to that expression in article 115 of the Constitution of British Guiana;

“solicitor” means any person duly admitted to practice before the Supreme Court as a solicitor.”

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 4 of the Deeds Registry Ordinance provides that no person shall be appointed a notary public or a sworn clerk in the deeds registry unless he has been successful at an examination held for that purpose. The Registrar and the Deputy Registrar may nevertheless perform those functions by virtue of their office.

2. Within recent times officers in the Deeds Registry have qualified as barristers-at-law. It is considered that the requirement of taking

the examination should not apply to barristers and solicitors who satisfy certain requirements. This Bill therefore seeks to exempt from the necessity of taking the examination —

- (a) barristers and solicitors who within a period of five years prior to their becoming qualified have had not less than one year's experience as assistant sworn clerks in the deeds registry; and
- (b) barristers and solicitors of not less than one year's standing who have been appointed to public offices in the Deeds Registry.

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