

Bill No. 15 of 1965

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COMMISSIONER OF TITLE (ADDITIONAL POWERS) BILL,
1965.

Arrangement of Sections.

Section

1. Short title.
2. Additional powers of Commissioner of Title.
3. Order of Commissioner of Title deemed to be that of a judge.
4. Validation of acts.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE to confer additional powers on a Commissioner of Title.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

A.D. 1965.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Commissioner of Title Short title.
(Additional Powers) Ordinance, 1965.

2. A Commissioner of Title may hear and determine such matters Additional powers of Commissioner of Title. Cap. 184.
in respect of which a judge of the Supreme Court has power to exercise jurisdiction under the Title to Land (Prescription and Limitation) Ordinance or the District Lands Partition and Re-allotment Ordinance as may be assigned to him by the Chief Justice, and for that purpose shall Cap. 173.
be vested with and may exercise the powers of a judge of the Supreme Court.

3. Any order of a Commissioner of Title made in pursuance of the jurisdiction conferred on him by section 2 of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have been made by a judge of the Supreme Court. Order of Commissioner of Title deemed to be that of a judge.

4. Notwithstanding the expiration of the Commissioner of Title (Additional Powers) Ordinance, 1960, all powers exercised by a Commissioner of Title during the period commencing on the 5th November, 1964, and ending on the commencement of this Ordinance, in purported exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Commissioner of Title (Additional Powers) Ordinance, 1960, and all acts performed by any person in pursuance of any order or direction made by a Commissioner of Title and which powers or acts would have been lawfully exercised or performed if that Ordinance had not expired, are hereby declared for all purposes to have been lawfully exercised or performed. Validation of acts. No. 21 of 1960.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Commissioner of Title (Additional Powers) Ordinance, 1960, which empowered a Commissioner of Title appointed under the Land Registry Ordinance, 1959, to hear partition appeals under the District Lands Partition and Re-allotment Ordinance, Chapter 173, and partitions, applications and actions for declaration of title to lands under the Title to Lands (Prescription and Limitation) Ordinance, Chapter 184, expired on the 5th November, 1964, and was not renewed by resolution of the chambers of the former Legislature because of the dissolution of the Legislature.

2. It is considered desirable that the Ordinance should be re-enacted in order to facilitate the work in the Supreme Court. This Bill therefore seeks to re-enact the Commissioner of Title (Additional Powers) Ordinance, 1960, except that the Ordinance when enacted will not require annual extension by the Legislature.

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