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REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS (VALIDATION) BILL, 1965.

Arrangement of Sections.

Section

1. Short title.
2. Validation of registrations of births and deaths.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE to validate the registration of births and deaths in the Cotton Tree and Leonora Registration Districts during the period commencing on the 1st January, 1965, and ending on the 26th February, 1965.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

A.D. 1965

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Registration of Births and Deaths (Validation) Ordinance, 1965. Short title.

2. Where during the period commencing on the 1st January, 1965, and ending on the 26th February, 1965, the registration of births and deaths occurring in the Cotton Tree and Leonora Registration Districts was effected as if the limits of the registration divisions of the said districts were as they existed at the 31st December, 1964, the said births and deaths shall be deemed to have been lawfully and properly registered. Validation of registrations of births and deaths.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Consequent on representations made by the residents of Bush Lot, West Coast, Berbice, about the delay and inconvenience experienced in registering births and deaths occurring in the area, due to the location of the registrar's office at Golden Grove, West Coast, Berbice, it became necessary to further sub-divide the Cotton Tree Registration District. Owing to the unsettled conditions and population shift in the Leonora Registration District during 1964, it became necessary for the convenience of the public for the proper registration of births and deaths to further subdivide that registration district. This was effected by the making in November, 1964, of the Registration Districts (Revision of Limits of Divisions) Order, 1964, which came into force on the 1st January, 1965.

2. In December, 1964, applications were invited for the filling of the offices of registrars in the new divisions but no appointments were made. Protests against the new divisions have been made and it was considered that the divisions as effected by the Order of 1964 were no longer justified. Consequently, the Registration Districts (Revision of Limits of Divisions) Order, 1965, was made restoring the divisions as they existed at the 31st December, 1964. The Order came into operation on the 27th February, 1965.

3. As a result of the registrars not having been appointed it was discovered that births and deaths occurring during the time when the Registration Districts (Revision of Limits of Divisions) Order, 1964, was in force were nevertheless registered in accordance with the former divisions as they existed at the 31st December, 1964.

4. This Bill therefore seeks to regularise the registration of births and deaths effected between the 1st January, 1965, and the 26th February, 1965, in the Cotton Tree and Leonora Registration Districts.

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