

Bill No. 33 of 1965

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BRITISH GUIANA (CONSTITUTION) (ADAPTATION AND MODIFICATION OF LAWS) BILL, 1965

Arrangement of Sections.

Section

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Governor to exercise powers conferred on Governor and Legislative Council.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PROVISION IN VIEW OF THE BRITISH GUIANA (CONSTITUTION) ORDER IN COUNCIL, 1961, FOR THE CONFERMENT ON THE GOVERNOR OF POWERS EXPRESSED BY LAW TO BE EXERCISABLE BY THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana :—

A.D. 1965.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the British Guiana (Constitution) (Adaptation and Modification of Laws) Ordinance, 1965. Short title.

2. All laws wherein powers are expressed (in whatever terms) to be exercisable by the Governor and Legislative Council shall be deemed to authorise the exercise of such powers by the Governor, and the provisions of such laws shall be construed accordingly: Governor to exercise powers conferred on Governor and Legislative Council.

Provided that —

- (a) every rule, regulation or order made by the Governor in the exercise of any such power shall be laid before the House of Assembly within fourteen days after it is made, and if the House of Assembly, within the period of thirty days beginning with the day on which it is laid as aforesaid, resolves that it shall be annulled, wholly or in part, it shall thereby be annulled to the extent set forth in the resolution, and the rule, regulation, order, or part thereof, so annulled shall thenceforth become void and of no effect but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder or the making of any new rule, regulation or order (as the case may be) in the exercise of such power; and
- (b) in reckoning for the purposes of the preceding paragraph any period of days, no account shall be taken of any time during which the Legislature is dissolved or prorogued or during which the House of Assembly is adjourned for more than seven days.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Provisions wherein certain powers are expressed to be exercisable by the Governor and Legislative Council (in which the Governor formerly presided) are still to be found in the Laws of British Guiana. This Bill seeks to correct this anachronism by providing for the conferment of those powers on the Governor subject to the House of Assembly being able to annul by resolution any rules, regulations or orders made by him under any such powers.

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Premier.