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LEGISLATURE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown, Demerara.
2nd September, 1953.

The following Bill, which will be introduced in the House of Assembly by the Minister of Local Government and Social Welfare, is hereby published for general information.

I. CRUM EWING,
Clerk of the Legislature.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE, 1945 BY CONTINUING IN FORCE FOR A FURTHER YEAR THE REGISTER OF VOTERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BARTICA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEQUIBO FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE.
Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana.

Short Title.

No. 14 of
1945.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Local Government (Bartica Voters Register Continuance) Ordinance, 1953, and shall be contrued with the Local Government Ordinance, 1945, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance and any Ordinance amending the same.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4) of section forty-seven of the Principal Ordinance, the register of voters for the village of Bartica, in the County of Essequibo, for the year ending the thirty-first day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-two shall be deemed to have continued in force and shall continue in force for a further period of twelve months commencing from the first of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and any act or thing performed or done in pursuance of sections thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty, forty-one, forty-two and forty-three of the Principal Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid.

OBJECTS AND REASONS.

Under the provisions of Part III of the Local Government Ordinance, 1945, the Overseer of each village is required on or before the fifteenth day of August in each year to compile a list of voters for the village, and the Commissioner is required to hold a revising Court between the first and thirtieth days of September in each year for the purpose of revising the list compiled by the Overseer. The Commissioner has failed to comply with the provisions of the Ordinance with respect to the village of Bartica, in the County of Essequibo, and as a result there is no register of voters for that village for the year commencing on the first of November, 1952.

2. This Bill seeks to extend the duration of the register of voters which expired on the 31st of October, 1952, for a further period of one year, and to validate all acts which purport to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Ordinance, 1945 and which have been performed by the Overseer of the district in respect of the list of voters.

JAI NARINE SINGH,
Minister of Local Government and
Social Welfare.