

BILL NO. 10 OF 1957.

THE GEORGETOWN SEWERAGE AND WATER  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1957.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

Section

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Amendment of section 9 of Chapter 153.
- 3. Amendment of section 10 of Chapter 153.
- 4. Amendment of section 23 of Chapter 153.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GEORGETOWN SEWER-  
AGE AND WATER ORDINANCE.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

- 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Georgetown Sewerage and Water (Amendment) Ordinance, 1957, and shall be construed and read as one with the Georgetown Sewerage and Water Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance. Short title.  
Cap. 153.
- 2. Section 9 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended— Amendment  
of section  
9 of Chap-  
ter 153.
  - (1) by the repeal of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) thereof, and by the substitution therefor of the following new paragraph:—
    - “(a) seven persons to be appointed by the Governor in Council of whom three at least shall be elected members of the Council, and shall be nominated by the Council;”;
  - (2) by renumbering subsection (3) as (3) (a) and by inserting the following new paragraph thereafter:—
    - “(b) The Commissioners shall appoint one of their number to be deputy chairman who shall hold office for not more than two years and shall be eligible for re-appointment”;
  - (3) by the repeal of subsection (4), and by the substitution therefor of the following:—
    - “(4) (a) The chairman shall preside at meetings of the Commissioners.
    - (b) In the absence of the chairman at any meeting, the deputy chairman shall preside, and in the absence of both the chairman and the deputy chairman, the Commissioners present may elect one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.”;
  - (4) by inserting the words “and the deputy chairman” between the words “chairman” and “and” appearing in subsection (7);
  - (5) by inserting the words “as a Commissioner” between the words “place” and “shall” appearing in subsection (10).
- 3. Section 10 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended— Amendment  
of section 10  
of Chapter  
153.
  - (a) by deleting the words “in Council” appearing in subsections (1) and (3) respectively;
  - (b) by substituting the words “six thousand” for the words “two thousand” appearing in subsection (3) thereof; and



(c) by inserting the following as subsection (4) —

“(4) The Governor may, after consultation with the Commissioners, direct them to suspend or dismiss any officer of the class referred to in subsection (3) hereof, or on giving three months’ notice in writing, to terminate his employment.”

Amendment  
of section 23  
of Chapter  
153.

4. (1) Subsection (1) of section 23 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

“(1) The Commissioners shall, on or before the 1st of September in each year, prepare and submit estimates of expenditure for the ensuing financial year in relation to their duties under this Ordinance for the consideration of the Council.

(2) After consideration by the Council, the estimates shall, not later than the 15th of September, be transmitted to the Commissioners who may, upon receipt thereof, amend the estimates as they see fit, and who shall, not later than the 30th of September, submit the estimates (if amended, in the amended form) for the approval of the Governor in Council, and copies thereof to the Council.”

(2) Subsections (2), (3) and (4) of section 23 of the Principal Ordinance are hereby re-numbered as subsections (3), (4) and (5) respectively.

#### OBJECTS AND REASONS.

Clause 2 of this bill seeks to provide for the increase in the number of Commissioners appointed under the provisions of the Georgetown Sewerage and Water Ordinance (Chapter 153) and the increase in the number of the nominees of the Mayor and Town Council of Georgetown. It is also sought to make provision for the appointment (and the revocation of that appointment) of a deputy chairman who is required to preside at meetings in the absence of the chairman.

2. Clause 3 of the bill seeks to make provision for the appointment of the secretary to the Commissioners, and for the employment or dismissal of certain employees, by the Governor.

3. Clause 4 seeks to make provision for the preparation and submission of the estimates of expenditure to the Town Council before submission to the Governor in Council.

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