

**BILL No. 23 OF 1957
REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 1957**

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section.

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Amendment of Representation of People Ordinance, 1957.
- 3. Census districts deemed to be registration areas.

A BILL

INTITULED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN AREAS AS REGISTRATION AREAS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THAT ORDINANCE.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Representation of the People (Amendment) Ordinance, 1957, and shall be construed and read as one with the Representation of the People Ordinance, 1957.

Short title.

No. 3 of 1957.

2. The Representation of the People Ordinance, 1957, is hereby amended in the manner set out in the schedule to this Ordinance.

Amendment of Representation of the People Ordinance, 1957.
No. 3 of 1957.
Schedule.

3. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Special Revisal Ordinance, 1956, or in the Representation of the People Ordinance, 1957, the census districts in the county of Demerara numbered 72, 73, 74 and 75 and the census district in the county of Berbice numbered 30 shall be deemed to be and to have been always registration areas with the designations D72, D73, D74, D75 and B30 respectively within the meaning of the Special Revisal Ordinance, 1956, and of sections 12 and 13 of the Representation of the People Ordinance, 1957, to the same extent as if they had been included among the areas defined in Notice No. 657 in the Gazette of 7th April, 1953, in the case of the census districts in the county of Demerara numbered 72, 73, 74 and 75 as registration areas D72, D73, D74 and D75 respectively of revisal district No. 9, and in the case of the census district in the county of Berbice numbered 30 as registration area B30 of revisal district No. 21.

Census districts deemed to be registration areas.
No. 9 of 1956.

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(2) In this section the expression "census district" has the meaning assigned to it in the Special Revisal Ordinance, 1953.

No. 2 of 1953.

SCHEDULE

Section 2.

Amendments of Representation of the People Ordinance, 1957.

Section	Amendment
7	.. In subsection (2), after the words "to act as assistant presiding officer" there shall be inserted the words "and some other person to act as poll clerk".
27	.. In subsection (4), after the words "list of electors" there shall be inserted the words "and he shall not be admitted to vote or be again admitted to the polling-place".
28	.. In subsection (2), the words "in which that polling division is situate" shall be deleted.
35	.. In subsection (4), after the words "of this section," there shall be inserted the words "the presiding officer shall", and for the word "voting" before the word "compartment" there shall be substituted the word "polling".
37	.. In subsection (1), the words "or (iii) the official mark" shall be deleted. In subsection (4), for the words "a blind" after the word "assist" there shall be substituted the words "an incapacitated".
38	.. In subsection (2), for the words "polling station" before the word "during" there shall be substituted the word "polling-place".
42	.. In subsection (2), the words "other than the numbering by the presiding officer in the cases hereinbefore referred to," in paragraph (d) shall be deleted.
114	.. The first subsection shall be renumbered as subsection (1).

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Clause 2 of this Bill seeks to make minor amendments (set out in the schedule) to the Representation of the People Ordinance in order to correct certain typographical errors and to clarify the meaning of certain provisions in the Ordinance.

2. Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to regularise the position resulting from the inadvertent omission of certain districts from Notice No. 657 in the Gazette of the 7th April, 1953, defining registration areas under the Special Revisal Ordinance, 1953, which areas are being used for the purpose of elections under the Representation of the People Ordinance, 1957.

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