

Bill No. 37 of 1957.

**SUMMARY JURISDICTION (MAGISTRATES)
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1957.**

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

- 1 Short title.
- 2 Amendment of section 45 of Chapter 12.
- 3 Amendment of section 46 of Chapter 12.
- 4 Amendment of section 66 of Chapter 12.

A BILL

Intituled

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION
(MAGISTRATES) ORDINANCE.**

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana :—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Summary Jurisdiction (Magistrates) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1957, and shall be construed and read as one with the Summary Jurisdiction (Magistrates) Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same.

Short title.
Cap. 12.

2. Section 45 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended —

Amendment of section 45 of Chapter 12.

(a) by the repeal of subsection (1) thereof, and by the substitution of the following therefor —

“(1) The Chief Justice may, by notice, appoint the times and places for the sittings of the courts, other than the court of the Georgetown district, and may in like manner alter any of those times or places.”;

(b) by the substitution for the words “order in council” appearing in subsections (2) and (3) thereof of the word “notice”.

3. Subsection (3) of section 46 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “Governor in Council” appearing therein of the words “Chief Justice”.

Amendment of section 46 of Chapter 12.

4. Subsection (1) of section 66 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution for the word “Governor” appearing therein of the words “Chief Justice”.

Amendment of section 66 of Chapter 12.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This bill seeks to vest in the Chief Justice the power to appoint the times and places of the sittings of the magistrates' courts other than in the Georgetown district, and to substitute a place of sitting in the Georgetown district if necessary. The sittings of the court of the Georgetown district are fixed by statute (section 46 of Chapter 12).

2. The bill also seeks to empower the Chief Justice to appoint a rule making committee comprising of magistrates for the purpose of making rules to regulate the practice and procedure in Magistrates' courts.

3. Hitherto these powers were vested in the Governor in Council and the Governor respectively but it is considered more appropriate to vest such powers in the Chief Justice.

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Chief Secretary.

(M.P. 60/11/11).

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