

GUYANA

BILL NO. 9 of 1970

DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1970

Arrangement of Sections

Section

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 4 of Chapter 192.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Drainage and Irrigation Ordinances.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Drainage and Irrigation (Amendment) Act, 1970, and shall be construed and read as one with the Drainage and Irrigation Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

Short
title

2.(1) Subsection (1) of section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects -

(a) by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (a) -

"(a) the Chief Works and Hydraulics Officer, the Chief Agricultural Officer or in his absence from any meeting of the Board of of any committee thereof, the Deputy Chief Agricultural Officer, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for the administration of the Local Government Department or in his absence from any meeting of the Board or any committee thereof, the Principal Assistant Secretary in that Ministry(hereinafter referred to as "ex officio members");";

(b) by the substitution of the ing paragraph for paragraph

(c) by the insertion of the words "or such greater number as may be fixed by the Minister" immediately before the word "shall" in subsection (6).

(2) Anything lawfully done under the Principal Ordinance prior to its amendment by paragraph (b) of subsection (1), and which would continue to have effect but for such amendment, shall continue to have effect as if so done in conformity with such amendment.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Section 4(1) of the Drainage and Irrigation Ordinance (Chapter 192) provides for the holder of the former office of Commissioner of Local Government to be a member of the Drainage and Irrigation Board. With the abolition of the office of the Commissioner of Local Government, it is necessary to amend the Ordinance to provide for another public officer to be a member of the Board in his stead. This Bill therefore seeks to provide for the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government (or in his absence the Principal Assistant Secretary) to be a member of the Board in place of the former Commissioner of Local Government.

2. This Bill also seeks to provide for the Deputy Chief Agricultural Officer to attend meetings of the Board in the absence of the Chief Agricultural Officer and for flexibility in the number of members of the Board to be appointed by the Minister under section 4(1)(d) of the Ordinance.

HAMILTON GREEN,
Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply.

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