

GUYANA

No. 68 of 1980

## ORDER

Made Under

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC  
OF GUYANA ACT 1980

(No. 2 of 1980)

UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CO-OPERATIVE  
REPUBLIC OF GUYANA ACT 1980 AND BY VIRTUE AND IN BEHALF,  
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE PRESIDENT AS FOLLOWS:—

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana (Adaptation and Modification of Laws) (Elections) Order 1980 and shall come into operation on the 6th day of October, 1980.

Citation  
commence-  
ment and  
interpreta-  
tion.

(2) In this Order "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana as set out in the Schedule to the Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana Act 1980.

2. Section 6 of the Representation of the People Act is hereby amended —

Amendment  
of Section 6  
of the Rep-  
resentation  
of the  
People Act,  
Cap. 1:03.

(a) by the substitution for the word "There" at the beginning of subsection (3) of the words "Subject to subsections (4) and (5), there";

(b) by the insertion after subsection (3) of the following subsections as subsections (4) and (5) —

"(4) Where the Chief Election Officer is satisfied that it is impracticable to appoint a polling place within a division or any part thereof, he may appoint some other place in another division within the same district as a polling place at which electors of the first-mentioned division or that part thereof shall be entitled to vote.

(5) The Chief Election Officer shall publish in the Gazette not later than the 20th day before election day a notice of any polling place appointed under subsection (4)"

Amendment  
of section 11  
of the Rep-  
resentation  
of the  
People Act  
Cap. 1:03

3. Section 11 of the Representation of the People Act is hereby amended by the insertion after subsection (8) of the following subsections as subsections (9) and (10):

“(9) In the event of the name of the person designated by any list of candidates as a Presidential candidate being deleted pursuant to section 21 from the list —

- (a) the representative of the list; or
- (b) if there is no representative or if the representative is unwilling or unable (by reason of absence, illness or any other cause) to act, the deputy representative of the list; or
- (c) in the case of any such unwillingness or inability on the part of the deputy representative or if there is no deputy representative, a majority of persons named as candidates in the list may designate in writing any such person able and willing to act, who

shall forthwith and before election day, by written notice signed by him and delivered to the Elections Commission, amend the list by designating any person whose name remains as a candidate on the list as the Presidential candidate designated by that list.

(10) On receipt of any notice of amendment pursuant to subsection (9), the Elections Commission shall forthwith and before elections day give public notice of the amendment in such manner as it may in all the circumstances deem the most practicable and with effect from the time when such notice is given the new Presidential candidate specified in the notice shall be the Presidential candidate designated by that list.”.

Amendment  
of section 36  
of the Rep-  
resentation  
of the  
People Act,  
Cap. 1:03

4. Section 36 of the Representation of the People Act is hereby amended by the insertion after the figures “35” of the word, “and the foregoing provisions of this section shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in the case of any polling place established under Subsections (4) and (5) of section 6”.

Amendment  
of section 40  
of the Rep-  
resentation  
of the  
People Act,  
Cap. 1:03

5. Section 40(1)(c) of the Representation of the People Act, as amended by the Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana (Adaptation and Modification of Laws) (Representation of the People) Order 1980, is hereby amended by the substitution thereof of the following —

“(c) a sufficient number of copies of this Act (including any amendments made thereto for the purpose of holding any election pursuant to article 60(2) of the Constitution but not yet incorporated in the text thereof as published in any revision thereof made pursuant to the Law Revision Act)”;

6. Section 59(1)(e) of the Representation of the People Act is hereby amended —

Amendment of section 59 of the Representation of the People Act, Cap. 1:03

- (a) by the substitution of a comma for the words “and of”;
- (b) by the insertion after the words “Guyana Defence Force” of the words “and the bodies known as the Guyana National Service and the Guyana People’s Militia”.

7. Section 79(1)(b)(v) of the Representation of the People Act is hereby amended —

Amendment of section 79 of the Representation of the People Act, Cap. 1:03

- (a) by the deletion of the words “the Special Service Unit and of”;
- (b) by the insertion after the words “Guyana Defence Force” of the words “and the bodies known as the Guyana National Service and the Guyana People’s Militia”.

8. Section 2(1) of the National Registration Act is hereby amended —

Amendment of section 2 of the National Registration Act, Cap. 19:08

- (a) by the insertion of the following after the definition of “divisional register” —  
 ‘ “election” means an election in accordance with article 60(2) of the Constitution of members of the National Assembly and “elector” shall be construed accordingly”’;
- (b) by the substitution in the definition of “Elections Commission” of “161” for “68”

9. The amendments made by clauses 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in the case of elections of members of regional democratic councils held pursuant to article 73 of the Constitution.

Application of amendments made by clauses 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 to elections to regional democratic councils.

Made this 2nd day of October, 1980.

A. Chung,  
President.