



ORDINANCE No. 20 OF 1961.

FEDERAL SUPREME COURT (APPEALS) (AMENDMENT)  
ORDINANCE, 1961

I assent.



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Officer Administering  
the Government.

16 June, 1961.

**BRITISH GUIANA.**

Arrangement of Sections.

Section

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Amendment of section 29 of the Principal Ordinance.
- 3. Insertion of section 32A in the Principal Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Federal Supreme Court (Appeals)  
Ordinance.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

A.D. 1961.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Federal Supreme Court (Appeals) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1961, and shall be construed and read with the Federal Supreme Court (Appeals) Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same.

Short title.

No. 19 of  
1958.

Amendment  
of section 29  
of the Prin-  
cipal Ordi-  
nance.

2. Section 29 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended—

- (a) by renumbering the section as subsection (1); and
- (b) by inserting the following subsection as subsection (2) —  
 “ (2) The powers conferred on a judge of the Federal Supreme Court under subsection (1) of this section, may be exercised by a judge of the Court sitting in chambers in such places within the territories comprised in the Federation as the Chief Justice may, with the approval of the Governor-General of the Federation, appoint.”

Insertion of  
section 32A  
in the Prin-  
cipal Ordi-  
nance.

3. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after section 32 of the following section —

“Preroga-  
tive of  
mercy.”

32A. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect the prerogative of mercy, but the Governor on the consideration of any petition for the exercise of Her Majesty's mercy, having reference to the conviction of a person on indictment or to the sentence (other than sentence of death) passed on a person so convicted, may, if he thinks fit, at any time either —

- (a) refer the whole case to the Federal Supreme Court, and the case shall then be heard and determined by the Court as in the case of an appeal by a person convicted; or
- (b) if he desires the assistance of the Federal Supreme Court on any point arising in the case with a view to the determination of the petition, refer that point to the Court for their opinion thereon, and the Court shall consider the point so referred and furnish the Governor with their opinion thereon accordingly.”

*Passed by the Legislative Council this twenty-fourth day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.*

*Elwyn V. Viapree*  
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*Acting Clerk of the Legislature.*