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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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1960 No. 2412

**CARIBBEAN AND NORTH ATLANTIC  
TERRITORIES**

**The British Guiana (Electoral Provisions)  
Order in Council, 1960**

*Laid before Parliament in draft*

Made - - - - 21st December, 1960

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 21st day of December, 1960

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it is proposed that in due course there should be established for the Colony of British Guiana a Legislative Assembly (hereinafter referred to as "the proposed Legislative Assembly") consisting of not less than thirty-two and not more than thirty-five elected members:

And Whereas it is expedient that provision should be made for the election of members of the proposed Legislative Assembly and that registration of electors should take place notwithstanding that provision has not been made for the establishment of the proposed Legislative Assembly:

And Whereas copies of the draft of the following Order were laid before both Houses of Parliament on the fourth day of November, 1960:

And Whereas during the period of forty days beginning on that day neither House has resolved that the draft should not be laid before Her Majesty:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers by subsection (1) of section 1 of the British Guiana Act, 1928(a), or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the British Guiana (Electoral Provisions) Order in Council, 1960. Citation.

2.—(1) British Guiana shall be divided in such manner as the Governor, acting in his discretion, may appoint by order published in the Gazette into not less than thirty-two and not more than thirty-five electoral districts (by whatever name called) for the purpose of each returning one member to the proposed Legislative Assembly. Provisions for election of members to proposed Legislative Assembly.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the next following subsection, a person shall be qualified to be registered as an elector for elections to the proposed Legislative Assembly in an electoral district if, and shall not be so qualified unless, he—

(a) is a British subject of the age of twenty-one years or upwards;

(b) has resided in British Guiana for a period of not less than two years immediately before the date of registration, or is domiciled and resident in British Guiana at that date; and

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(a) 18 & 19 Geo. 5. c. 5.

(D.C. 974r) 1, 1.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of that section—

(a) two or more sentences of imprisonment that are required to be served consecutively shall be regarded as separate sentences if none of those sentences exceeds six months, but if any one of those sentences exceeds that term they shall be regarded as one sentence; and

(b) no account shall be taken of a sentence of imprisonment imposed as an alternative to or in default of the payment of a fine.

(3) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this section and save as is otherwise required by the context, the Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*W. G. Agnew.*

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order makes provision relating to the election of members to a new Legislative Assembly which it is proposed should hereafter be established for British Guiana. It provides for the division of the territory into electoral districts by the Governor and for the qualifications and disqualifications of electors and, subject thereto, enables the existing Legislature of the territory to make provision for the election of such members.