



## GUYANA

BILL No. 21 of 1977

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) BILL 1977

### ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

#### Section

1. Short title.
2. Alteration of article 108 of the Constitution.
3. Alteration of articles 60, 96, 98, 104, 115, 116 and 125 of the Constitution.
4. Consequential amendment of other written laws.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to alter the Constitution in accordance with the provisions of article 73 thereof and to make consequential amendments to other written laws.

A.D. 1977 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

**Short title.** 1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1977.

**Alteration of article 108 of the Constitution** 2. Article 108 of the Constitution is hereby altered in the following respects —

- (a) by the insertion of the word “a” immediately before the word “Deputy” where it occurs in the proviso to paragraph (1), and in paragraph (2) and (9); and
- (b) by the addition of the following words immediately after the word “Police” at the end of paragraph (9) —

“, and the Deputy Commissioner of Police rank between themselves according to the date of their respective appointments”.

**Alteration of articles 60, 96, 98, 104, 115, 116 and 125 of the Constitution.** 3. Articles 60, 96, 98, 104, 115, 116 and 125 of the Constitution are hereby altered by the substitution of a reference to the Auditor-General for every reference therein to the Director of Audit.

**Consequential amendment of other written laws.** 4.(1) The Police Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

Cap. 16:01.

- (a) by the substitution of the word “a” for the word “the” in the definition of the expression “Deputy Commissioner” in section 2(1);
- (b) by the substitution of the words “and such number of Deputy Commissioners,” for the words “, a Deputy Commissioner and such number of” in section 4; and

(c) by the repeal of section 8 and the substitution of the following section therefor —

“Duties of  
a Deputy  
Comms-  
sioner.

8. The Deputy Commissioners shall act as principal assistants to the Commissioner in the performance of his duties and, subject to the Constitution, shall have power when so authorised by him to do or suffer any act or thing which may by law be done or suffered by the Commissioner.”

(2) Any reference to the Director of Audit in any written law, instrument or document of any kind shall be construed as a reference to the Auditor-General.

(3) The change of designation of the Director of Audit effected by this Act shall not prejudice or affect any subsisting right or obligations or anything which remains to be done or forborne to be done by the Auditor-General by virtue of his previous designation and the Auditor-General may exercise all existing rights, powers and privileges in his name.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution and the Police Act (Cap. 16:01) to make provision for the appointment of more than one Deputy Commissioner of Police in the Police Force (clauses 2 and 4).

Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to amend the Constitution for the purpose of redesignating the office of Director of Audit as Auditor-General.

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(Bill No. 21/1977).