

Bill No. 42 of 1957.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1957.
ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

Section

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Amendment of section 9 (1) of Chapter 133.
- 3. Amendment of section 9 (2) of Chapter 133.

A BILL
Intituled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK ORDINANCE.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Gujana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Post Office Savings Bank (Amendment) Ordinance, 1957, and shall be construed and read with the Post Office Savings Bank Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

Short title.

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2. Subsection (1) of section 9 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution for the proviso thereto of the following—

Amendment of section 9 (1) of Chapter 133.

“Provided that not less than one month’s notice of any reduction of the rate of interest shall be given in the Gazette.”

3. (1) Subsection (2) of section 9 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the deletion of the words “for the purposes of this subsection a deposit shall be deemed to be withdrawn on the date of the issue of the warrant by means of which payment is intended to be effected.”

Amendment of section 9 (2) of Chapter 133.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section shall come into operation on such date as the Governor may by Order appoint.

OBJECTS AND REASONS.

Section 9 (1) of the Post Office Savings Bank Ordinance empowers the Governor in Council with the approval of the Secretary of State to alter the rate of interest payable on deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank, but prescribes that this shall only be done after at least three months notice of the change has been given in the Gazette. Clause 2 of the bill seeks to limit the requirements of notice to alterations which reduce the rate of interest and to require only one month’s notice of such changes.

2. Section 9 (2) of the Principal Ordinance provides that, for the purpose of interest, deposits shall be deemed to be withdrawn on the date when authority for payment is given. Under the Post Office Savings Bank Regulations withdrawals exceeding \$30.00 are required to be machine entered in the pass books at Savings Bank Headquarters before payment is made, and by virtue of section 9 (2) of the Principal Ordinance the date of this entry is the date on which interest ceases to be payable on the amount withdrawn. It is proposed to amend the Regulations so as to allow machined entries of withdrawals of all amounts to be made after payment is effected in which event interest will continue to accrue on amounts withdrawn up to the date of payment. Accordingly clause 3 of the bill seeks to amend section 9 (2) of the Principal Ordinance by the deletion of the requirement that a deposit shall be deemed to be withdrawn on the date on which payment is authorised.

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