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BILL No. 5 of 1956.

A BILL
INTITULED

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE PREPARATION OF REGISTERS OF ALL BRITISH SUBJECTS OF FULL AGE OTHER THAN PERSONS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN DISQUALIFICATIONS WHO ON A DATE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WERE RESIDENT IN BRITISH GUIANA FOR TWO YEARS OR MORE, AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH AND INCIDENTAL THERETO.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Special Revisal Ordinance, 1956. Short title.
2. (1) In this Ordinance—
 - “certified lists” means the preliminary and supplementary lists referred to in section 7 certified in accordance with section 8; Interpretation.
 - “district commissioner” means, subject to subsection (2) hereof, the commissioner of a district appointed under the District Government Ordinance, and includes any assistant district commissioner of such a district and any public officer of any administrative or mining district office; Cap. 56.
 - “post office” includes postal agency;
 - “preliminary list” and “supplementary list” mean any of the preliminary lists or supplementary lists, as the case may be, referred to in section 7;
 - “preliminary register” means in respect of any revisal district the preliminary lists for the registration areas in such revisal district prepared under sections 6 and 7 of the Special Revisal Ordinance, 1953, certified in accordance with section 8 of this Ordinance; No. 2 of 1953.
 - “qualified person” means any person who is qualified in accordance with subsection (1) of section 4 for inclusion in the register and who is not disqualified for inclusion therein by the provisions of subsection (2) of the said section;
 - “register” means the register required to be prepared by section 3 in respect of each revisal district;
 - “registration area” means any of the areas defined in Notice No. 657 in the Gazette of 7th April, 1953, into which a revisal district was divided under section 4 (1) of the Special Revisal Ordinance, 1953; No. 2 of 1953.
 - “revising officer” means in respect of any registration area the revising officer for such area appointed under section 6;
 - “Registration Officer” means the person appointed by the Governor to be a Registration Officer under the provisions of subsection (1) of section 5;
 - “revisal district” means any of the districts constituted and defined in the Revisal Districts Order, 1953*;
 - “revision notice” means the notice referred to in section 10;

* No. 34 of 1953.

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"sub-district" means any of the areas in a registration area in relation to which the preliminary list for the said registration area was divided under section 7 (1) of the Special Revisal Ordinance, 1953;

"supplementary register" means in respect of any revisal district the supplementary register prepared in accordance with section 14;

"the date of registration" means such date as the Governor may by Proclamation published in the Gazette appoint as the date of registration for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) In respect of any registration area wholly within the boundaries of the city of Georgetown or the town of New Amsterdam the town clerk of Georgetown or the town clerk of New Amsterdam as the case may be shall perform the functions of the district commissioner under this Ordinance.

(3) The following rules shall apply to the interpretation of the word "residence" in any section in which the word is used with respect to the right of a person to be registered—

- (a) residence in the Colony shall not be deemed to be interrupted by temporary absence from the Colony;
- (b) residence in a revisal district shall not be deemed to be interrupted—
 - (i) by any removal to another place of residence within the revisal district; or
 - (ii) by temporary absence from the revisal district; or
 - (iii) by reason only of notice to quit being served and possession being demanded by the landlord of the house;
- (c) a person who has more than one place of residence in a revisal district may elect in respect of which place he desires to be registered in the form set out as Form No. 1 in the first schedule.

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schedule
Form No. 1.

Preparation
of register
for revisal
district.

3. There shall be prepared for each revisal district a register consisting of the preliminary register and a supplementary register which latter register shall be read and construed with the preliminary register and shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Qualification
and dis-
qualification.

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, all persons are qualified for inclusion in the register who—

- (a) are British subjects of the age of twenty-one years or upwards at the date of registration; and
- (b) have resided in the Colony for a period of at least two years immediately before the date of registration or are domiciled in the Colony and are resident therein at that date; and
- (c) have resided in the revisal district in which they claim to be registered for a period of at least three months before the date of registration.

(2) The following persons are disqualified from inclusion in the register—

- (a) any persons adjudged to be of unsound mind under any law in force in the Colony; or
- (b) any person who has been sentenced in any part of Her Majesty's dominions or in any territory under Her Majesty's protection to death or to imprisonment (by whatever name called) for a term exceeding twelve months, and has not either suffered the imprisonment to which he was sentenced or such other punishment as by competent authority may have been substituted, or received a free pardon from Her Majesty; or
- (c) any person who is disqualified from voting or is incapable of being registered as a voter by virtue of any provision of the Legislative Council (Elections) Ordinance, 1945, and the Representation of the People Ordinance, 1953, relating to offences connected with elections.

No. 13 of
1945.
No. 5 of
1953.

5. (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint a fit and proper person to be the Registration Officer for the purposes of this Ordinance and such appointment shall be published in the Gazette.

Registration Officer and assistants.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Registration Officer to make such arrangements and to do all such acts as may be necessary for the due carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance.

(3) The Registration Officer shall receive such remuneration as the Governor may direct.

(4) The Registration Officer, in the exercise of his powers and duties under the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be subject to the control of, and comply with any directions given by, the Governor.

(5) The Governor may from time to time appoint such officers as may be necessary to assist the Registration Officer to discharge such duties and to perform such functions as may be required to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance who shall receive such remuneration as the Governor may direct, and may at any time cancel any such appointment.

6. (1) The Governor may from time to time appoint for each registration area such revising officers as he may think fit who shall receive such remuneration as the Governor may direct, and may at any time cancel such appointment.

Revising officers.

(2) The same person may be appointed to be the revising officer for more than one registration area.

(3) Every appointment or cancellation of appointment of a revising officer shall be notified in the Gazette.

7. The Registration Officer shall cause to be printed in sufficient quantities in respect of each registration area—

Printing of preliminary and supplementary lists.

(a) copies of the preliminary list for such registration area prepared under sections 6 and 7 of the Special Revisal Ordinance, 1953; and

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(b) copies of the supplementary list and further supplementary list, if any, for the revisal district in which such registration area is contained prepared under section 15 and section 24 respectively of the Special Revisal Ordinance, 1953.

No. 2 of 1953.

8. The Registration Officer shall, in respect of each registration area, certify as printed in accordance with section 7 each of the lists referred to in the said section and shall forward a sufficient number of certified copies thereof to the district commissioner of the district in which is situate the registration area to which such lists relate.

Preliminary and supplementary lists to be certified.

9. Upon receipt of the certified lists the district commissioner shall cause a copy thereof to be affixed to the door or outer wall of every police station, post office, court house, office for the registration of births and deaths, town hall or village office in the registration area to which the certified lists relate or if the registration area does not contain any one or more of such buildings then to such alternative place or places as he considers the most prominent in the registration area.

Publication of certified lists.

10. (1) As soon as may be after the publication of the certified lists in accordance with section 9, the district commissioner shall cause to be affixed as near as may be to each set of lists so published a revision notice in the form set out as Form No. 2 in the first schedule.

Revision notice.

(2) Each revision notice shall state —

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- (a) the registration area to which it relates;
- (b) the time and date when and the place at which the certified lists of the registration area to which the revision notice relates will be revised by the revising officer;
- (c) the right of any qualified person to whom the provisions of subsection (1) of section 11 relate to make a claim in accordance with the provisions of that subsection;
- (d) the right of any qualified person to object, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section 11 to the inclusion in the lists of any other person; and

- (e) the last date for the making of any claim or objection in accordance with the provisions of section 11.

(3) The date specified in the revision notice as the day on which the lists will be revised shall not be less than 31 days after the publication of the revision notice.

Claims and
objections.

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schedule
Form No. 3.

11. (1) (a) Every qualified person whose name, occupation, place of residence or postal address is omitted from or inaccurately stated in any of the certified lists may give notice in writing in the form set out as Form No. 3 in the first schedule to the revising officer within 15 days of the publication of the revision notice claiming that the lists be amended by the inclusion of his name, occupation, place of residence and postal address or by the correction of the entry relating thereto in the said lists.

(b) Every notice under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall specify the address of the claimant on the date of registration.

(c) Every notice under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall, in the case of a claimant who was over the age of twenty-one years on the 1st January, 1953, specify the address in the Colony of the claimant on such date.

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schedule
Form No. 4.

(2) (a) Every qualified person whose name appears in the certified lists for any registration area may give notice in writing in the form set out as Form No. 4 in the first schedule to the revising officer within 15 days of the publication of the revision notice objecting to the inclusion therein of any other person on the ground that by reason of the facts stated in the notice which he gives such other person is not a qualified person.

(b) Every person who objects to the inclusion in the lists of any other person in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subsection shall, within 15 days of the publication of the revision notice forward by registered post a copy of his notice of objection to the person to whose inclusion in the lists such objection relates.

(3) Where, consequent upon the receipt of any notice of claim under subsection (1) of this section, the revising officer has reasonable cause to believe that the name of the claimant appears upon any of the certified lists for some other registration area, other than one in respect of which the claim is made, he shall

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Form No. 5.

(a) notify the claimant by registered post in the form set out as Form No. 5 in the first schedule or with suitable modifications thereto of his intention to act in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subsection; and

(b) notify the revising officer for such other registration area of the making of such claim.

(4) The Registrar General shall furnish each revising officer with the names of all persons who have died between the 1st January, 1953, and the date of registration being resident at the time of death in the registration area for which he is revising officer, and any such notification to a revising officer shall, for the purposes of this Ordinance, be regarded as an objection to the inclusion in the certified lists of the person therein mentioned, provided, however, that no notice of objection mentioned in paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of this section shall be required to be served in respect thereof.

Notice of
claims and
objections.

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schedule
Form No. 6.
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schedule
Form No. 7.

12. (1) Not later than the twenty-second day after the publication of the revision notice the district commissioner shall affix as near as may be to each copy of such notice and to each set of the certified lists published in accordance with section 9—

(a) a list of claims in the form set out as Form No. 6 in the first schedule; and

(b) a list of objections in the form set out as Form No. 7 in the first schedule.

(2) The list of claims shall—

- (a) specify the name, occupation, place of residence and postal address of every person who has made a claim under subsection (1) of section 11 and the address of such person on the date the claim is made; and
 - (b) state that if notice of objection is given in the specified form to the inclusion of the name of the claimant, such name will not be included unless the claimant at the time and place for the revision of the lists shows cause for such inclusion.
- (3) The list of objections shall —
- (a) specify the name, occupation, place of residence and postal address of any person to whose inclusion in the lists objection has been made in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section 11; and,
 - (b) specify the name, occupation, place of residence and postal address of the person making such objection; and,
 - (c) specify the grounds of such objection; and,
 - (d) state that unless the person to whose inclusion in the lists objection is taken attends at the place specified in the revision notice on the day and at the time so specified his name may be deleted from the lists.
- (4) (a) Every qualified person whose name appears in the certified lists for any registration area may give notice in writing in the form set out as Form No. 8 in the first schedule to the revising officer within 8 days of the publication of the list of claims referred to in this section objecting to the inclusion in the lists of the name of any person specified in such list of claims on the ground that by reason of the facts stated in such notice such person is not a qualified person;
- (b) every person who gives notice to the revising officer in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection shall within 8 days of the publication of the list of claims forward a copy of such notice by registered post to the person to whose claim such notice relates.

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schedule
Form No. 8.

13. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of this section, upon the date specified in the revision notice as the day on which the lists are to be revised, the revising officer shall commence to revise the lists to which the revision notice relates in accordance with the provisions of the second schedule, and if he does not complete the revision upon that day shall adjourn the revision of the lists until the next day (not being a Sunday or a public holiday) and so from day to day until the revision of the lists is completed.

Revision of
lists.

Second
schedule.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, if the Registration Officer is satisfied that for any reason it is impracticable for the revising officer to commence to revise such lists upon the day specified in the revision notice relating thereto, he may either—

- (a) appoint some other revising officer to revise the lists upon the day and at the time and place specified in the revision notice; or
- (b) authorise any Justice of the Peace to attend at the place specified in the revision notice upon the day and at the time so specified and to adjourn the revision of the lists until some other day specified by the Registration Officer.

(3) Where the Registration Officer authorises a Justice of the Peace to adjourn the revision of the lists in accordance with subsection (2) of this section he shall forthwith cause to be inserted in a newspaper circulating in the Colony a notice stating the date and time to which the revision of the lists has been adjourned.

14. (1) Forthwith upon the completion of the revision of the lists the revising officer shall forward such lists as revised to the Registration Officer together with a statement in the form set out as Form No. 9 in the first schedule of all changes and additions made to the lists by him.

Preparation
of register.

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Form No. 9.

(2) The Registration Officer shall thereupon cause a supplementary register for each revisal district to be printed as expeditiously as possible.

(3) When printed the supplementary register for each revisal district shall contain all such changes and additions to the preliminary lists for the registration areas of such district as are specified in the supplementary lists for the said district and as are not affected by the revision together with all other changes and additions made to the said preliminary lists by the revising officer and shall state the registration area and the sub-districts to which each such change or addition relates and shall be certified accordingly by both the revising officer and the Registration Officer in the form set out as Form No. 10 in the first schedule.

(4) When the supplementary register for any revisal district has been certified in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) of this section such supplementary register shall together with the preliminary register for such revisal district constitute the register required by section 3 to be prepared for such revisal district.

First
schedule
Form No.
10.

Making
claim
knowing it
to be false.

15. (1) Any person who—

- (a) having, subsequent to having attained the age of 21, divested himself of British nationality and not having subsequently thereto re-acquired British nationality; or
- (b) knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that he had not attained the age of 21 years on or before the date of registration; or
- (c) had not on the date of registration been resident in the Colony for not less than two years immediately before the date of registration or is not domiciled in the Colony, or is not resident therein at that date; or
- (d) had not resided in the revisal district in which he claims to be registered for a period of at least three months before the date of registration,

makes any claim in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) of section 11 for inclusion in the certified lists shall be guilty of an offence against this subsection and on summary conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, and the magistrate shall upon such conviction order his name to be deleted from the certified lists if included therein as a result of such claim.

(2) Any person who makes a claim in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) of section 11 for inclusion in the certified lists and who being required to do so wilfully fails to give the particulars required by paragraph (c) of the said subsection shall be guilty of an offence against this subsection and on summary conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

Mutilating
and altering
notices and
lists.

16. Every person who wilfully mutilates, tears down, destroys or obscures any list or any notice published in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance or who makes any alteration in any copy of a list or notice so published shall be guilty of an offence against this section and upon summary conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

False state-
ments before
revising
officers.

17. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, every revising officer when sitting for the purposes of the revision of any list shall have all the powers of a magistrate in relation to the calling and the examining of any witness and the administering or causing to be administered to any person of an oath.

(2) Every person who is required to take an oath in pursuance of any of the provisions of this Ordinance may elect to make a solemn affirmation instead of taking such oath.

(3) Every oath administered or caused to be administered by any revising officer shall be in one or other of the forms sets out as Forms Nos. 11 and 12 of the first schedule.

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schedule
Forms Nos.
11 and 12.

(4) Every person who having been lawfully sworn under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section or having elected to make a solemn affirmation under subsection (2) of this section before the revising officer knowingly swears or affirms anything material to the validity of any claim or objection which is false or incorrect shall be guilty of an offence against this section and upon summary conviction thereof shall be liable to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding two years.

18. The Governor in Council may make regulations generally for giving effect to the provisions of this Ordinance and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may make regulations—

Regulations.

- (a) prescribing the travelling allowances to be paid to the Registration Officer or to any revising officer or other officer appointed under this Ordinance;
- (b) prescribing the hours between which revising officers shall sit for the revision of the lists allotted to them;
- (c) prescribing the returns to be made by the revising officers to the Registration Officer;
- (d) varying the forms set out in the first schedule and prescribing additional forms;
- (e) prescribing the number of copies of preliminary and supplementary lists to be printed;
- (f) prescribing the number of copies of the register to be distributed by the Registration Officer and the persons to whom and the terms upon which such copies shall be distributed.

First schedule.

19. At any time after the preparation of the registers under section 14 the Governor may from time to time as he considers expedient by Proclamation published in the Gazette appoint a later date of registration in substitution for the date of registration appointed under section 2, and may direct that the said registers shall be revised with respect to such later date, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall subject to such variations or amendments as may be specified in such Proclamation apply to the revision of the said registers.

Further revision of register.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Section 2(3) (c)).

FORM No. 1

THE SPECIAL REVISAL ORDINANCE, 1956.

Notice of Election.

To the revising officer for.....
 registration area No.
 at

TAKE NOTICE that Iof

(address)

(occupation)

having more than one place of residence, namely, at.....

..... in registration area No.

and atin registration area No.

do hereby elect to be registered for registration area No.....

Dated at this day of

..... 19.....

.....
 Signature of Elector.

FORM No. 2 (Section 10 (1)).
 THE SPECIAL REVISAL ORDINANCE, 1956.
 Revision Notice.

TAKE NOTICE that—

- (a) this notice relates to registration area.....
- (b) the certified lists of qualified persons for the above registration area will be revised on the day of at o'clock;
- (c) any qualified person whose name, occupation, place of residence or postal address has been omitted from or incorrectly stated in the certified lists may give notice in writing in the prescribed form to the revising officer at..... claiming that his name, occupation, place of residence or postal address be inserted in the lists or that the entry relating thereto be corrected, as the case may be;
- (d) (i) any qualified person whose name appears in the certified lists may give notice in writing in the prescribed form to the revising officer at..... objecting to the inclusion in the lists of any other person on the ground that that other person is not a qualified person;
 (ii) any person who gives notice of objection in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph shall send a copy of such notice by registered post to the person to whose inclusion in the lists he objects;
- (e) the last day for giving the notices referred to in paragraphs (c) or (d) will be the..... day of..... 19.....;
- (f) copies of the prescribed form may be obtained at the..... post office.

.....
 Registration Officer.
 Date.

FORM No. 3 (Section 11 (1) (a)).
 THE SPECIAL REVISAL ORDINANCE, 1956.

Notice of Claim under section 11 (1).

- To the revising officer for (a) (a) Insert number of registration area.
- TAKE NOTICE that I (b) (b) Insert full name of claimant.
- of (c) (c) Insert place of residence and postal address of claimant.
- (d) (d) Insert occupation of claimant.
- was on the date of registration of the age of twenty-one years or upwards and am qualified for inclusion in the certified lists for registration area No. (e) (e) Insert number of registration area.
- And that my name, occupation, place of residence and (f) (f) Strike out bracketed words if inapplicable.
- postal address have been [omitted from] (g) (g) Strike out bracketed words if inapplicable.
- (g) [wrongly stated in] such lists and that I hereby claim that (h) (h) Strike out bracketed words if inapplicable.
- such lists be amended [by the insertion of my name, occupation, place of residence (i) (i) Strike out bracketed words if inapplicable.
- and postal address therein] [by the correction of the particulars therein relating to my name, occupation, place of residence and postal address]. (j) (j) Insert place of residence and postal address.
- AND TAKE NOTICE that on the date of registration my place of residence and postal address were (j) (j) Insert place of residence and postal address.
- [and that on the 1st January, 1953, my place of residence and (k) (k) Strike out bracketed words if inapplicable or if claimant was under 21 on 1st January, 1953.
- (k) postal address in the Colony were]
- Signature of Claimant.

 Witness.

NOTE:—This form need not be witnessed unless the objector instead of signing makes his mark.

FORM No. 4 (Section 11(2) (a)).

THE SPECIAL REVISAL ORDINANCE, 1956.

Notice of Objection under section 11(2).

To the revising officer for (a) (a) Insert number of registration area.

TAKE NOTICE that I (b) (b) Insert full name of objector.

of (c) (c) Insert place of residence and postal address of objector.

..... (d) Insert occupation of objector.

(d) (e) Insert number of registration area.

am qualified for inclusion in the certified lists for registration area No. (e) and am so included:

And that I object to the inclusion therein of (f) (f) Insert the name, occupation, place of residence and postal address of the person to whose inclusion in the lists objection is made.

..... (g) Insert the grounds of disqualification; e.g. is not resident in the registration area, or is not a British subject, etc.

on the ground that such person is disqualified for inclusion therein by reason of (g)

.....
 Signature.

.....
 Witness.

NOTE:— This form need not be witnessed unless the objector instead of signing makes his mark.

FORM No. 5 (Section 11(3) (a)).

THE SPECIAL REVISAL ORDINANCE, 1956.

Notice to Claimant under section 11(3) (a).

TAKE NOTICE that I intend to notify the revising officer for the registration area No. being the registration area in which you resided on the day of that you have made a claim for the insertion of your name, occupation, place of residence and postal address (or the correction of an entry) in the certified lists for registration area No.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless you appear before the revising officer and show cause why your name should not be deleted from the certified lists for registration area No. your name will be deleted therefrom.

.....
 Registration Officer

.....
 Date

(Reverse side of Form)

(Frank)

Form No. 5

THE SPECIAL REVISAL ORDINANCE, 1956.
 (To be sent to all persons having made a claim)

.....

 (name and address)

THE SPECIAL REVISAL ORDINANCE, 1956.

LIST OF CLAIMS.

TAKE NOTICE that the persons (hereinafter referred to as claimants) whose names, occupations, places of residence and postal addresses are set out in Part I of the schedule to this notice have claimed in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Special Revisal Ordinance, 1956, that the

certified lists of qualified persons resident in registration area No. be amended by the insertion therein of their names, occupations, places of residence and postal addresses as set out in Part I of the schedule to this notice and that the persons whose names, occupations, places of residence and postal addresses are set out in Part II of the schedule to this notice have claimed in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) of section 11 of such Ordinance that the entry in the

certified lists of qualified persons resident in registration area No. relating to their names, occupations, places of residence and postal addresses, as the case may be, amended to conform to their names, occupations, places of residence and postal addresses as set out in Part II of the schedule to this notice.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any qualified person who objects to the inclusion of any claimant in the certified lists upon the grounds that such claimant is not qualified for inclusion therein and who has given notice in Form No. 8 to the person to whose inclusion he objects may attend at.....

..... on the day of
at a.m. and then and there show cause why the claimant should not be included in the lists, and the name of such claimant will not be included unless at such time and place he shows cause for such inclusion.

SCHEDULE

Part I

Part II

.....
Revising Officer.....
Date

THE SPECIAL REVISAL ORDINANCE, 1956.

LIST OF OBJECTIONS.

TAKE NOTICE that the persons whose names, occupations, places of residence and postal addresses are specified in the first column of the schedule to this notice have objected to the inclusion in the certified lists of qualified persons resident in registration area No. of the persons whose names, occupations, places of residence and postal addresses are specified in the second column of the schedule to this notice upon the grounds specified in the third column of the schedule to this notice:

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless any person specified in the second column of the schedule to this notice attends at the place and time specified for the revision of the lists and shows cause why his name should not be deleted therefrom his name may be deleted.

SCHEDULE

First column

Second column

Third column

.....
Revising Officer.....
Date

THE SPECIAL REVISAL ORDINANCE, 1956.

Notice of Objection to Claim under section 12.

To the revising officer for (a) (a) Insert number of registration area.

at (b) (b) Insert address of registration officer's office.

TAKE NOTICE that I (c) (c) Insert full name of objector.

of (d) (d) Insert place of residence and postal address of objector.

..... (e) Insert occupation of objector.

(e) (f) Insert number of registration area.

am qualified for inclusion in the certified lists for registration area No. (f) (f) Insert number of registration area.

and am so included:

And that I object to the inclusion there of (g) (g) Insert the name, occupation, place of residence and postal address of the person to whose inclusion in the list objection is made.

..... (h) Insert the grounds of disqualification; e.g.; is not resident in the registration area or is not a British subject, etc.

whose name appears upon the list of claims for such registration area on the ground that such person is disqualified

for inclusion therein by reason of (h) (h) Insert the grounds of disqualification; e.g.; is not resident in the registration area or is not a British subject, etc.

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.....

Dated this day of

.....
Signature.....
Witness

NOTE:— This Form need not be witnessed unless the objector instead of signing makes his mark.

THE SPECIAL REVISAL ORDINANCE, 1956.

Revising Officer's Statement of Changes and Additions
made to Certified Lists of Qualified Persons.

Registration area No.

Sub-district

The following names appearing in the certified lists of qualified persons
have been struck out—

No. on certified lists	Name of Person (Family name first)	Occupation	Place of Residence	Postal Address

The following names have been added to the certified lists of qualified
persons—

Name of Person (Family name first)	Occupation	Place of Residence	Postal Address

The following entries in the certified lists of qualified persons have been
corrected so as to appear as follows—

No. on prelimi- nary list	Name of Person (Family name first)	Occupation	Place of Residence	Postal Address

THE SPECIAL REVISAL ORDINANCE, 1956.

Supplementary register for revisal district No.

Certificate of Revising Officer and of Registration Officer.

We hereby certify that the above register contains all changes and additions made to the preliminary lists for the registration areas in revisal district No. as are specified in the supplementary lists for the said district and as are not affected by the revision together with all other changes and additions made to the said preliminary lists by the revising officer at on the day [or days] of

Dated this day of

.....
Registration Officer.....
Revising Officer

FORM No. 11 (Section 17 (3)).

THE SPECIAL REVISAL ORDINANCE, 1956.

Oath or solemn Affirmation to be Administered to any Claimant under subsection (1) of section 11 of the above Ordinance.

I, swear by Almighty God that the particulars relating to my name, occupation, place of residence and postal address set out in my claim for inclusion in the list of qualified persons for registration area No. are true and that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief I am not disqualified from inclusion in such list.

.....
Signature.....
Date

NOTE:— If the Claimant objects to taking an oath, the above form should be used subject to the substitution for the words "swear by Almighty God" of the words "do solemnly, sincerely and truly affirm".

FORM No. 12 (Section 17 (3)).

THE SPECIAL REVISAL ORDINANCE, 1956.

Oath or solemn Affirmation to be Administered to any Person Examined by the Revising Officer under section 17 (3) of the above Ordinance.

I, swear by Almighty God that I will truly and fully disclose all matters of which I may know relating to the qualification or disqualification of for inclusion in the list of qualified persons for registration area No.

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Signature.....
Date

NOTE:— If the witness objects to taking an oath, the above form should be used subject to the substitution for the words "swear by Almighty God" of the words "do solemnly, sincerely and truly affirm".

SECOND SCHEDULE**Procedure on Revision of Lists**

1. At the place and at or as soon after the time appointed for the revision of the certified lists as may be practicable, the revising officer shall cause to be called the names of each person to whose inclusion in the list objection has been made in accordance with the provisions of section 11 and of each of the persons by whom such objections were made (in this schedule referred to as the objector).

2. If any objector does not appear the revising officer shall forthwith endorse upon his notice of objection under section 11 the words "Struck out for non-appearance", provided, however, that no objection under subsection (4) of section 11 shall be struck out for non-appearance by any objector.

3. If any objector appears but the person to whose inclusion in the lists he has objected does not appear, the revising officer, upon being satisfied that the notice referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 11 has been given, shall require the objector to swear to the truth of the ground relied upon by him in support of his objection. If the objector so swears and the revising officer considers the objection is valid, he shall endorse upon the notice of objection "Objection allowed in default of appearance". If the objector declines to be sworn the revising officer shall endorse upon the notice of objection the words "Struck out by reason of objector's refusal to be sworn".

4. If both the objector and the person to whose inclusion in the list he objects appear and the objector swears to the truth of the grounds of his objection, the revising officer shall examine upon oath the person to whose inclusion in the list objection is made and any witnesses whom he or the objector may tender and shall inspect any documents tendered by either party and thereupon shall summarily determine whether or no the objection is valid. If the revising officer determines that the objection is valid he shall endorse upon the notice of objection referred to in section 11 the words "Objection upheld", but if he determines that the objection is not valid he shall endorse upon the notice of objection the words "Objection rejected".

5. Where the objection is an objection under subsection (4) of section 11 rule 3 of this schedule shall not apply, but if the person to whose inclusion in the lists objection has been made does not appear the revising officer shall endorse upon the notice of objection the words "Objection upheld". Where such person appears, however, the revising officer shall proceed as in rule 4 of this schedule as if the objector had appeared and sworn to the truth of the grounds of his objection.

6. Forthwith upon endorsing any notice of objection with the words "Objection allowed in default of appearance" or "Objection upheld", the revising officer shall delete from the certified lists the name, occupation, place of residence and postal address of the person to whom the objection relates.

7. Forthwith upon the revising officer's endorsing any notice of objection with the words "Struck out for non-appearance" or "Struck out by reason of objector's refusal to be sworn" or "Objection rejected", the notice of objection upon which such words are endorsed shall for all purposes be deemed to be void and of no effect.

8. So soon as the revising officer has disposed of all objections in accordance with the provisions of rules 1 to 5 of this schedule he shall cause proclamation to be made that he will proceed to deal with claims under subsection (1) of section 11 for the inclusion in the lists of the names, occupations, places of residence and postal addresses of qualified persons omitted therefrom.

9. The revising officer shall then cause the name of each claimant to be called and unless upon such name being called some person objects to the addition of the name of the claimant, the revising officer shall forthwith make a written record of the name, occupation, place of residence and postal address of such claimant.

10. If any qualified person objects to the insertion referred to in rule 9 of this schedule, the revising officer, upon being satisfied that the notice referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 12 has been given, shall call upon the claimant to swear to his qualification. If upon being so called upon the claimant does not appear or declines so to swear, the revising officer shall endorse upon the notice of claim "Disallowed for non-appearance" or "Disallowed for refusing to swear" as the case may be.

11. If the claimant upon being required so to do swears that he is qualified for inclusion in the list, the revising officer shall proceed to examine upon oath the person objecting and any witnesses tendered by either party and to inspect any documents produced by either party and thereupon shall summarily determine

whether or no the claimant is a qualified person, and if he determines that the claimant is a qualified person, shall forthwith make a written record of the name, occupation, place of residence and postal address of such claimant.

12. Every revising officer who has been notified in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) of section 11 that any person upon the certified lists for the registration area allotted to him has made a claim for the inclusion of his name in the certified lists for some other registration area shall, unless such person appears before him and shows cause to the contrary, delete such name from the certified lists for the registration area allotted to him.

13. So soon as the revising officer has disposed of all claims for inclusion in the lists in accordance with the provisions of rules 8 to 11 of this schedule he shall cause proclamation to be made that he will proceed to deal with claims for the correction of entries in the lists and thereupon shall make any correction in any entry in the lists of which notice has been given in accordance with the provisions of section 11, unless after such inquiry (if any) as he may think fit, he is satisfied that the facts do not warrant the making of such correction.

14. All endorsements upon any notice of objection or notice of claim made in accordance with the provisions of this schedule and all additions to the lists and corrections therein made by the revising officer shall be forthwith initialled by him and shall be made in ink.

15. Upon the completion of the revision of the lists the revising officer shall sign at the foot of each page of the list his name and the date or dates upon which the list was revised by him and shall prepare from the list and all records made by him in accordance with rules 9 and 11 a statement of changes and additions which shall show all alterations made in the list by him. Forthwith upon completion of the preparation of the statement of changes and additions the revising officer shall transmit a copy of the lists revised by him and signed in accordance with the provisions of this rule together with any record made by him in accordance with the provisions of rules 9 and 11 and three copies of the statement of changes and additions to the Registration Officer.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Electoral registers were last prepared in 1953 under the provisions of the Special Revisal legislation of that year. No provision was made in that legislation however, and no such provision now exists, whereby those electoral registers can be brought up to date or new electoral registers prepared. In anticipation of the time when general elections are held in the Colony it is considered desirable that provision should now be made for the electoral registers to be brought up to date and to be kept up to date by subsequent revision from time to time. This Bill seeks to carry out this object by providing for the preparation of registers of all British subjects of full age other than persons subject to certain disqualifications who on a date appointed by the Governor were resident in British Guiana for two years or more or were domiciled and resident therein.

2. Clause 3 seeks to provide for the preparation of a register consisting of a preliminary and a supplementary register for each revisal district (as defined in clause 2).

3. Clause 4 seeks to prescribe the qualifications and disqualifications for inclusion in the register.

4. Clause 5 seeks to provide for the appointment of a Registration Officer and other officers required to assist him.

5. Clause 6 seeks to provide for the appointment of revising officers.

6. Clauses 7, 8 and 9 seek to provide for the printing, certification and publication of the preliminary and supplementary lists prepared during 1953 under the Special Revisal Ordinance of that year.

7. Clause 10 seeks to provide for the giving of notice of the revision of the certified lists by the revising officer and of the steps to be taken by any person who is qualified for inclusion in the register and whose name is omitted from the certified lists or whose name or particulars are inaccurately stated therein to have his name entered on the lists or his name and particulars corrected as the case may be.

8. Clause 11 seeks to provide for the manner in which and the time within which claims by qualified persons for their names to be included in the lists or for corrections to their names or particulars to be made therein and objections to the inclusion of any person in the lists, are to be made.

9. Clause 12 seeks to make provision for the publication of such claims or objections and for objections to be made to the published claims.

10. Clause 13 seeks to make provision for the revision by revising officers of the certified lists for all revisal districts.

11. Clause 14 seeks to make provision for the preparation and certification of a supplementary register for each revisal district containing the changes and additions to the certified lists for the registration areas of each revisal district.

12. Clauses 15, 16 and 17 seek to make provision with respect to the penalties to be inflicted for knowingly making false claims, mutilating notices and lists or making false statements before revising officers.

13. Clause 18 seeks to empower the Governor-in-Council to make regulations for giving effect to the provisions of the Ordinance.

14. Clause 19 seeks to empower the Governor from time to time as he considers expedient to appoint a later date of registration and to direct that the registers shall be revised or further revised as the case may be with respect to such later date.

F. D. JAKEWAY,
Chief Secretary.

9th February, 1956.