

BILL No. 7 of 1956.

A BILL
INTITULED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PROMISSORY OATHS ORDINANCE.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Promissory Oaths (Amendment) Ordinance, 1956, and shall be construed and read as one with the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

2. The form of oaths prescribed by section 11 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor—

“I,being chosen and admitted of Her Majesty’s Executive Council in British Guiana, do swear that I will, to the best of my judgment, at all times when thereto required, freely give my counsel and advice to the Governor or Officer Administering the Government of the said Colony for the time being, for the good management of the public affairs thereof; that except with the authority of His Excellency the Governor, I will not directly or indirectly reveal the business or proceedings of the Executive Council or the nature or contents of any document communicated to me as a Member of the Council or any matter coming to my knowledge in my capacity as a Member of the Council, and that in all things I will be a true and faithful Councillor.”

OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The present form of oath which is required to be taken by Executive Councillors covers only those matters which are debated in Executive Council and which are committed to the secrecy of Councillors. It is considered desirable that the form of oath should be enlarged so as to embrace all discussions, the minutes of meetings, decisions reached at meetings, the agenda as such, and documents which are circulated to Members. This Bill seeks to achieve this object.

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Chief Secretary.

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Amendment
of section 11
of the Prin-
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