

SIGNED this 10th day of August, 1981.

SIAKA STEVENS,  
*President.*

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1981



**Sierra Leone**

**The Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 1981**

Short title.

[14th June, 1978]

Date of Commencement.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled as follows:—

1. This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 14th day of June, 1978.

Commencement.

Amendment  
of Section 2  
of Act No. 32  
of 1965.

2. Section 2 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1965 is hereby amended by repealing and replacing the definition of the term "Law Officer" by the following new definition:—

“Law Officer” includes the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, the Solicitor-General, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the First Parliamentary Counsel, the Head of the Civil and Commercial Division, and every State Counsel and Parliamentary Counsel;’

Repeal and  
replacement  
of S. 144  
(2) of Act  
No. 32 of  
1965.

3. Subsection 2 of Section 144 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and replaced by the following new subsection:—

“(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 143, in any case where a person is charged at any sessions of the High Court with a criminal offence not punishable by death the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, or Director of Public Prosecutions, if he is of the opinion that the general interest of justice would be served thereby, may make an application to the Court for an order, which shall be made as of course, that any such person or persons shall be tried by the Court with the aid of assessors, or by a Judge alone, instead of by a Judge and Jury.”

Passed in Parliament this 23rd day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one.

J. W. E. DAVIES,  
*Clerk of Parliament.*

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

J. W. E. DAVIES,  
*Clerk of Parliament.*