

Assented to in Her Majesty's name this 17th day of
March, 1962.

MAURICE H. DORMAN,
Governor-General.

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No. 12



Sierra Leone

1962

**An Act to Provide for the Amendment of Certain
Sections of the Constitution**

[27th April, 1961.] **Date of com-
mencement.**

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1962, and shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 27th day of April, 1961.

**Short title
and
commence-
ment.**

Amendment
of section 1
of the Con-
stitution.
P.N. No. 78
of 1961.

2. Section 1 of the Constitution is hereby amended—
- (a) by the insertion immediately after the words " Every person " in the first line of subsection (1) thereof of the words " of negro African descent "; and
- (b) by the addition at the end thereof of the following new subsections—

" (3) For the purposes of this Constitution the expression " person of negro African descent " means a person whose father and his father's father are or were negroes of African origin.

(4) Any person, either of whose parents is a negro of African descent and would, but for the provisions of subsection (3), have been a Sierra Leone citizen, may, on making application in such manner as may be prescribed, be registered as a citizen of Sierra Leone, but such person shall not be qualified to become a member of the House of Representatives or of any District Council or other local authority unless he shall have resided continuously in Sierra Leone for twenty-five years after such registration or shall have served in the Civil or regular Armed Services of Sierra Leone for a continuous period of twenty-five years."

Repeal and
replacement
of section
4 of the
Constitution
P.N. No. 78
of 1961.

3. Section 4 of the Constitution is hereby repealed and re-
placed by the following section—

" Persons
born in
Sierra Leone
after 26th
April, 1961.

4. Every person of negro African descent born in Sierra Leone after the twenty-sixth day of April, 1961, shall be a citizen of Sierra Leone at the date of his birth if at that date his father is or was a citizen of Sierra Leone."

Repeal and
replacement
of subsection
(2) of section
7 of the
Constitu-
tion.
P.N. No. 78
of 1961.

4. Subsection (2) of section 7 of the Constitution is hereby
repealed and replaced by the following—

" (2) Every person who would have, but for the provisions of any amendment to this Constitution, been a citizen of Sierra Leone and every person who is a British subject without citizenship under the British Nationality Act, 1948 (a), or who continues to be a British subject under section 2 of that Act shall have the status of a Commonwealth Citizen."

Passed in the House of Representatives this 17th day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two.

S. V. WRIGHT,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

S. V. WRIGHT,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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