

Assented to in Her Majesty's name this 15th day of June, 1964.

S. A. BENKA-COKER,
Acting Governor-General.

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Sierra Leone

An Act to Amend the Tribal Authorities Act

Cap. 61.

[18th June, 1964.] Date of commencement.

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 Tribal Authorities Short title. (Amendment) Act, 1964.

Change of
Title.

2. The existing Tribal Authorities are hereby redesignated "Chiefdom Councils" and that expression is hereby substituted for the expression "Tribal Authorities" in the title of the Tribal Authorities Act (hereinafter referred to as the existing Act) and wherever it occurs in that Act or any other enactment and by way of consequential amendment the expressions set out in column 2 below are hereby substituted for those set out in column 1 wherever they occur in the existing Act or any other enactment—

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
"Tribal Authority"	"Chiefdom Council"
"member of a Tribal Authority" or "member" (where it means a member of a Tribal Authority)	"Chiefdom Councillor"
"Native Administration"	"Chiefdom Administration"
"native law and custom", or "native law"	"customary law".

insertion of
new section
4A in Cap.
61.

3. The existing Act is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after section 4 thereof of the following new sections—

"Appointment and functions of Chiefdom Committee and other committees.

4A. (1) The Chiefdom Council shall appoint a Chiefdom Committee which shall consist of—

- (a) a Chairman who shall be the Paramount Chief;
- (b) a Vice Chairman who shall be the Senior Speaker;
- (c) two members from each ward in the Chiefdom elected by the Chiefdom Councillors representing that ward;
- (d) a literate Councillor nominated by the Minister;
- (e) the Second Speaker, if any.

For the purpose of this subsection the expression "ward" shall mean any ward which may have been properly delimited under customary law for the purpose of electing a Chiefdom Council in accordance with the provisions of section 2 or if no such wards have been delimited a ward delimited in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the District Councils Act.

(2) The duties of the Chiefdom Committee shall be—

- (a) to prepare, every year, draft Chiefdom Estimates for consideration by the Chiefdom Council;

- (b) to negotiate and supervise the execution of any contracts lawfully entered into by the Chiefdom Council;
- (c) to supervise and check all expenditure in the estimates approved in accordance with section 2 of the Chiefdom Treasuries Act; Cap. 62.
- (d) to ensure and assist in the proper collection of revenue;
- (e) to inspect the Chiefdom Books of account monthly;
- (f) to control and appoint staff;
- (g) generally to advise the Chiefdom Administration in the administration of Chiefdom affairs;
- (h) to perform such other duties as may be delegated to it by the Chiefdom Council with the approval of the Minister;
- (i) to initiate Chiefdom Bye-laws for consideration by the Chiefdom Council.

(3) The Chiefdom Council may from time to time out of its number appoint committees either of a general or special nature for the purpose of any duty or function which in the judgment of the Chiefdom Council would be more conveniently performed by means of a committee and may with the approval of the Minister delegate to such committee such of its powers as it may think fit.

4B. A Chiefdom Council may enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, or of any other enactment conferring powers or duties upon Chiefdom Councils, subject to the following conditions—

- (a) that no contract the value whereof exceeds two hundred pounds shall be entered into without the previous written consent of the Tender Board comprising the District Officer, a public officer nominated by the Minister of Works and the Chairman of the Chiefdom Committee;
- (b) that every contract whereof the value exceeds one hundred pounds shall be in writing signed by the Chairman of the Chiefdom Committee;
- (c) that every contract shall specify the work, materials, matters or things to be furnished had or done, the price to be paid and the time or times within which the contract is to be performed;

- (d) before contracting for the execution of any works, the Council shall obtain an estimate in writing of the probable expense of executing the work in a substantial manner;
- (e) before any contract of which the value exceeds one hundred pounds is entered into, a notice shall be published in the *Gazette* describing the nature and purpose thereof, inviting tenders for the execution of the work so described and specifying a period of not less than two weeks during which tenders may be submitted; and the Council shall require and take sufficient security for the due performance of the contract.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four.

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,
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