

BELIZE:

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

1. Short title.
2. Insertion of new section 129A.
3. Amendment of section 133.



No. 21 of 2018

I assent,

(SIR COLVILLE N. YOUNG)

Governor-General

4th December, 2018

AN ACT to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chapter 91 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to make provisions allowing petitions for divorce by consent of the parties in non-contentious proceedings; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 8th December, 2018).

BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the

Short title.

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CAP. 91.

and shall be read and construed as one with the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, which, as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Insertion of
new section
129A.

2. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 129 the following new section -

“Petition by
consent of
parties.

129A. (1) Notwithstanding section 129, a petition for divorce by consent of the parties may be presented to the Registrar by either the husband or the wife on the grounds that they can no longer live together as husband and wife and that they consent that the marriage should be dissolved.

(2) Notwithstanding section 131, no petition for divorce by consent of the parties shall be presented to the Registrar unless at the date of the presentation of the petition one year has passed since the date of the marriage.

(3) For the purposes of the application of this section, consent shall not be considered collusion.”

Amendment of
section 133.

3. Section 133 of the principal Act is amended by inserting the clause “under section 129,” immediately after the words “On a petition for divorce” in the chapeau.