

BELIZE

No. HR40/1/12

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, 3rd August 2020

10:00 AM

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S U P P L E M E N T A R Y (1)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

12. Introduction of Bill.

1. Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

Bill for an Act to amend the Electronic Transactions Act, Chapter 229.03 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to promote the development of the legal and business infrastructure necessary to implement secure electronic commerce; to better facilitate electronic filing of documents with public bodies; and to promote efficient delivery by public bodies of services by means of reliable electronic records; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, Energy, Public Utilities, Public Service and Elections and Boundaries)

14. Public Business.

A. Government Business

I MOTION *(For Text of Motion see Notice Paper attached)*

1. Period of Public Emergency in the Southside of Belize City Declared by Proclamation of the Governor-General Motion, 2020.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

(The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, Energy, Public Utilities, Public Service and Elections and Boundaries)

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M O T I O N

1. **Period of Public Emergency in the Southside of Belize City Declared by Proclamation of the Governor-General Motion, 2020.**

Notice given on 31st July 2020.

WHEREAS, section 18 (2) of the Belize Constitution provides that the Governor-General may, by proclamation which shall be published in the *Gazette*, declare that a state of public emergency exists for the purposes of Part II of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (3) of the Belize Constitution provides that, in order to have effect, the proclamation must contain a declaration of the Governor-General that he is satisfied that a public emergency has arisen as a result of action having been taken or being immediately threatened by any person or body of persons of such a nature and on so extensive a scale as to be likely to endanger the public safety;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (4) of the Belize Constitution provides that a proclamation made under section 18 (2) may be made so as to apply only to such part of Belize as may be specified in the proclamation;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (5) of the Belize Constitution provides that a proclamation made by the Governor-General for the purposes of and in accordance with section 18 of the Constitution shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for a period not exceeding one month; but may be extended from time to time by a resolution passed by the National Assembly for further periods, not exceeding in respect of each such extension a period of twelve months; and may be revoked at any time by a resolution of the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS, having been satisfied that a public emergency had arisen in the part of Belize consisting of the part of Belize City known as the Southside, as a result of action having been taken or being immediately threatened by any person or body of persons of such a nature and on so extensive a scale as to be likely to endanger the public safety, the Governor-General, by Proclamation made on the 6th day of July 2020, by Statutory Instrument No. 97 of 2020, declared on the 7th day of July, 2020 that a state of public emergency exists in the part of Belize consisting of the part of Belize City, known as the Southside, and which is specified in the Schedule thereto and that the Proclamation shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for a period not exceeding one month, or such longer period, not exceeding twelve months, as may be determined by resolution passed by the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS, recognizing that the period of public emergency shall expire at the end of day on the 6th day of August 2020 and being satisfied that a period of public emergency persists in the part of Belize consisting of the part of Belize City known as the Southside, and which is specified in the Schedule to Statutory Instrument 97 of 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House, being satisfied that a period of public emergency persists in the part of Belize consisting of the part of Belize City, known as the Southside as specified in the Schedule to Statutory Instrument 97 of 2020, hereby extends the period of public emergency in the part of Belize consisting of the part of Belize City known as the Southside, as specified in the Schedule to Statutory Instrument 97 of 2020, for a further period of two months.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

(The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, Energy, Public Utilities, Public Service and Elections and Boundaries)

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