

BELIZE:

COURT OF APPEAL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

1. Short title.
2. Insertion of section 11.
3. Insertion of section 13A.

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BILL

for

AN ACT to amend the Court of Appeal Act, Chapter 90 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to allow for civil appeals to be continued and determined by another judge or the remaining panel of judges if a judge before whom the proceedings took place has demitted office, is removed from office, retires from office or dies; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted, 2021)

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the

COURT OF APPEAL (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021,

CAP. 90.
10 of 2019.

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

2. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 11A–

“Practice
directions.

11A.–(1) The President may issue practice directions prescribing the practice, procedure and related matters to be followed for the conduct of proceedings of the Court.

(2) Every Practice Direction issued under sub-section (1) shall be published in the *Gazette*.”.

Insertion of
section 13A.

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 13–

“Jurisdiction to
continue
civil/criminal
appeals.

13A. A civil appeal brought before a single judge or a panel of judges may be continued and determined by another

Court of Appeal

judge or the remaining judges on the panel of judges, as the case may be, if—

- (a) the single judge or one or more of the judges on the panel of judges, with conduct of the civil appeal or any interlocutory matter in the appeal, is for any reason unable to continue to hear or determine that appeal or interlocutory matter; and
- (b) the parties to the appeal consent to the appeal being continued and determined by another judge or the remaining judges on the panel, or by another panel, as the case may be.”.