

**BELIZE:**

**INFERIOR COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022**

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 66.

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**BILL**

**for**

**AN ACT** to amend the Inferior Courts Act, Chapter 94 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to allow for hearings or trials before the court to be conducted virtually; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(Gazetted .....2022).*

***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

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**INFERIOR COURTS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2022,**

and shall be read and construed as one with the Inferior Courts Act, which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

CAP. 94.

**2.** The principal Act is amended by repealing section 66(1) and substituting the following–

Amendment of section 66.

“(1) The Minister may appoint a committee consisting of three magistrates, one of whom shall be the Chief Magistrate, for the purpose of making rules for–

- (a) regulating the practice and procedure of the courts in matters not provided for by this or any other Act;
- (b) directing that hearings or trials before the court may be conducted virtually; or
- (c) any other purpose which the committee considers necessary to give purpose and effect to this Act.”.