

BELIZE:

EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 64.



No. 24 of 2017

I assent,
(SIR COLVILLE N. YOUNG)

Governor-General

29th March, 2017

AN ACT to amend the Evidence Act, Chapter 95 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to provide for oral evidence to be taken by live video link or other electronic means; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 29th March, 2017.)

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

EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017,

Short title
and
construction.

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

Amendment
of section
64.

2. The principal Act is amended in section 64(1) by:
 - (a) deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (a);
 - (b) deleting the full stop at the end of paragraph (b) and substituting therefor a semi-colon and the word “or”; and
 - (c) inserting the following as paragraph (c),

“(c) by means of live video link or any other electronic means, whereby a witness, without being physically present in the place where proceedings are held, is able to see and hear and be seen and heard by persons in that place, and evidence so taken shall have the same effect as if it were oral evidence taken in court.”.