

BELIZE:

SENIOR COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

1. Short title.
2. Repeal and replacement of section 128.

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For

AN ACT to amend the Senior Courts Act, Act No. 27 of 2022; to provide for notices and documents required to be served in relation to appeals from inferior courts to be served by public advertisement; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted, 2024)

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

SENIOR COURTS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024,

Act No. 27 of 2022.

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

Amendment of section 2.

2. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 128 and replacing it with the following–

“Service of notices or documents.

128.–(1) Any notice or other document required to be served or transmitted under this Act relating to appeals from inferior courts may be served or transmitted–

- (a) electronically;
- (b) by registered post;
- (c) by delivering or leaving it at the last known place of abode of the party to be served; or
- (d) by publication–
 - (i) in a newspaper of general circulation;

(ii) on the Senior Court's official website; or

(iii) through a local media outlet.

(2) Notwithstanding section 131, this section shall apply to notices or documents required to be served or transmitted prior to the entry into force of this Act.”.