

GENERAL LAW AMENDMENT ACT 68 OF 1957

[ASSENTED TO 24 JUNE 1957]

[DATE OF COMMENCEMENT: 28 JUNE 1957]

(Unless otherwise indicated)

*(Afrikaans text signed by the Officer Administering the Government)***as amended by**

Stock Theft Act 57 of 1959
 Supreme Court Act 59 of 1959
 Children's Act 33 of 1960
 Marriage Act 25 of 1961
 Kimberley Leasehold Conversion to Freehold Act 40 of 1961
 Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Oaths Act 16 of 1963
 Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act 80 of 1963
 Administration of Estates Act 66 of 1965
 Formalities in respect of Contracts of Sale of Land Act 71 of 1969
 Arms and Ammunition Act 75 of 1969
 Criminal Procedure Act 51 of 1977
 Telecommunications Act 103 of 1996

also amended by

Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act 120 of 1993
 [with effect from a date to be proclaimed]
 Second-Hand Goods Act 6 of 2009
 [with effect from a date to be proclaimed]

ACT

To amend the law relating to the formalities of certain contracts, to modify the designation and jurisdiction of the Eastern Districts Local Division of the Supreme Court, to apply certain laws to the Sheriff for the Eastern Districts Local Division of the Supreme Court, to prohibit the disclosure of information concerning the identity of children involved in legal proceedings, to exclude certain land from the operation of section *two* of the General Law Amendment Act, 1956, to give recognition to the official title of 'landdros' and to amend certain laws incidental thereto, to repeal Law 12 of 1884 (Natal), to amend Law 13 of 1883 (Natal), Law 46 of 1887 (Natal), the Administration of Justice Proclamation, 1902 (Transvaal), the Establishment of the Supreme Court and High Court Ordinance, 1902 (Transvaal), the Transfer Duty Proclamation, 1902 (Transvaal), the Superior Courts Criminal Jurisdiction Ordinance, 1903 (Transvaal), the Transfer Duty Ordinance, 1906 (Orange Free State), the South Africa Act, 1909, the Administration of Estates Act, 1913, the Justices of the Peace and Oaths Act, 1914, the Maintenance Orders Act, 1923, the Stock Theft Act, 1923, the Companies Act, 1926, the Arms and Ammunition Act, 1937, the Irrigation Districts Adjustment Act, 1944, the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1944, the General Law Amendment Act, 1949, the Radio Act, 1952, the Second-hand Goods Act, 1955, and the Criminal Procedure Act, 1955.

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[S. 1 repealed by s. 4 of Act 71 of 1969.]

2 to 4 inclusive

[Ss. 2 to 4 inclusive repealed by s. 46 (1) of Act 59 of 1959.]

5 Information concerning identity of children involved in legal proceedings not to be published

(1) No person shall publish or make known in any manner the name, address, school, place of employment or any other information likely to reveal the identity of any person under the age of eighteen years who is or has been a party to any civil proceedings or a witness in any legal proceedings of whatever nature, unless the judge, magistrate or other officer who presides or presided at such proceedings, after having consulted any parent or guardian, if any, of such person, consents in writing to such publication or making known.

[Sub-s. (1) amended by s. 103 of Act 33 of 1960.]

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

[S. 5 repealed by s. 344 (1) of Act 51 of 1977 in so far as it relates to criminal proceedings.]

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[S. 6 repealed by s. 19 (2) of Act 40 of 1961 .]

7 Recognition of official title of 'landdros' and amendment of certain laws

(1) As from the commencement of this section any reference in the Afrikaans or Dutch version of any law or document to the official title-

(a) of 'magistraat' or 'addisionele magistraat' or 'assistent-magistraat' shall be construed to include a reference to the official title of 'landdros' or 'addisionele landdros' or 'assistent-landdros' respectively; and

(b) of 'landdros' or 'addisionele landdros' or 'assistent-landdros' shall be construed to include a reference to the official title of 'magistraat' or 'addisionele magistraat' or 'assistent-magistraat' respectively,

[NB: Para. (b) has been deleted by s. 74 of the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act 120 of 1993 , a provision which will be put into operation by proclamation.]

and any reference in such law or document to the holder of an office designated by any such title or to the district or sub-district or seat of office of that holder or the court of that district or sub-district or the area of jurisdiction of the court established for that district or sub-district or an order or judgment given by that holder or to any other matter which pertains to such office or the holder thereof or to any such district, sub-district, seat of office, court or area, shall be construed accordingly.

(2) Amends the Afrikaans versions of section 117 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 32 of 1944 , section 33 of the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act 40 of 1952 , and section 4 of the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act 14 of 1954 .

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[S. 8 repealed by s. 39 (1) of Act 25 of 1961 .]

9 to 14 inclusive

[Ss. 9 to 14 inclusive repealed by s. 46 (1) of Act 59 of 1959 .]

15 to 21 inclusive

[Ss. 15 to 21 inclusive repealed by s. 105 (1) of Act 66 of 1965 .]

22 to 25 inclusive

[Ss. 22 to 25 inclusive repealed by s. 11 (1) of Act 16 of 1963 .]

26 and 27

[Ss. 26 and 27 repealed by s. 10 (1) of Act 80 of 1963 .]

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[S. 28 repealed by s. 20 of Act 57 of 1959 .]

29 to 32 inclusive

Amend respectively the following sections of the Companies Act 46 of 1926: *62quat*, 136, 177, 197B.

33 to 35 inclusive

[Ss. 33 to 35 inclusive repealed by s. 46 (1) of Act 75 of 1969.]

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Amends section 5 of the Irrigation Districts Adjustment Act 21 of 1944.

37 to 39 inclusive

Amend respectively the following sections of the Magistrates' Courts Act 32 of 1944 : 2, 9, 29.

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[S. 40 repealed by s. 344 (1) of Act 51 of 1977 .]

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[S. 41 repealed by s. 46 (1) of Act 59 of 1959 .]

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[S. 42 repealed by s. 104 of Act 103 of 1996 .]

43 and 44

Amend respectively sections 1 and 14 of the Second-hand Goods Act 23 of 1955 .

[NB: Ss. 43 and 44 have been repealed by s. 44 of the Second-Hand Goods Act 6 of 2009 , a provision which will be put into operation by proclamation.]

45 to 59 inclusive

[Ss. 45 to 59 inclusive repealed by s. 344 (1) of Act 51 of 1977 .]

60 Short title

(1) This Act shall be called the General Law Amendment Act, 1957.

(2) Section *one* shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1958.

(3) Section *three* shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1962.

(4) Section *four*, paragraph *(a)* of section *fifteen*, sections *sixteen*, *seventeen*, *twenty*, *twenty-one* and *forty-one* shall not come into operation until a date to be fixed by the Governor-General by proclamation in the *Gazette*.

Schedule

[Schedule repealed by s. 4 of Act 71 of 1969.]