

QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS SENATOR.

62. Subject to the provisions of section 63 of this Constitution, a person shall be qualified to be appointed as a Senator if, and shall not be qualified to be so appointed unless,

(a) he is a citizen of Belize of the age of eighteen years or upwards; and

(b) he has resided in Belize for a period of at least one year immediately before the date of his appointment.

DISQUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS SENATOR.

63.-(1) No person shall be qualified to be appointed as a Senator who,

(a) is, by virtue of his own act, under any acknowledgement of allegiance, obedience or adherence to a foreign power or State;

(b) is a member of the House of Representatives;

(c) is an un-discharged bankrupt, having been adjudged or otherwise declared bankrupt under any law in force in any part of the Commonwealth;

(d) is a person certified to be insane or otherwise to be of unsound mind under any law;

(e) is under sentence of death imposed upon him by a court in any part of the Commonwealth or is serving a sentence of imprisonment (by whatever name called) exceeding twelve months imposed on him by such a court or substituted by competent authority for some other sentence imposed on him by such a court, or is under such a sentence of imprisonment the execution of which has been suspended;

(f) is disqualified for membership of the House of Representatives by any law by reason of his holding, or acting in, any office the functions of which involve;

(i) any responsibility for, or in connection with, the conduct of any election; or

(ii) any responsibility for the compilation or revision of any electoral register;

(g) is disqualified for membership of the House of Representatives by virtue of any law by reason of his having been convicted of any offence relating to elections;

(h) is disqualified for membership of the Senate under any law by virtue of,

(i) his holding or acting in any office or appointment specified (either individually or by reference to a class of office or appointment) by such law;

(ii) his belonging to any of the armed forces of Belize or to any class of person that is comprised in any such force; or

(iii) his belonging to any police force or to any class of person that is comprised in any such force; or

(i) is a party to, or a partner in a firm or a director or manager of a company which is a party to, any contract with the Government for or on account of the public service, and has not disclosed to the Governor-General the nature of such contract and his interest, or the interest of any such firm or company, therein,

Provided that if it appears to the Governor-General, acting in his own deliberate judgment, that it is proper so to do, he may by order direct that any such disqualification shall be disregarded for the purposes of this section.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of this section

(a) two or more sentences of imprisonment that are required to be served consecutively shall be regarded as separate sentences if none of those sentences exceeds twelve months, but if any one of such sentences exceeds that term they shall be regarded as one sentence; and

(b) no account shall be taken of a sentence of imprisonment imposed as an alternative to or in default of the payment of a fine.