

LAWS OF GUYANA

PETITIONS (SIGNATURE) ACT

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**An Act to regulate the writing of Petitions and Letters in the names of persons other than the writers.**

[25<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 1905]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Petitions (Signature) Act.

Prohibition of  
appending  
another's  
signature to  
document  
without his  
consent.  
Certificate of  
person doing  
so.

2. (1) The name or mark of a person may not lawfully be appended to any petition, or letter, or similar document, without his knowledge and consent, and where his name or mark is appended to the document at his request, the person writing or making it shall on the document certify in writing that the document was read and explained to him and that he appeared to understand and approved of its contents.

(2) The person so certifying shall state in writing on the document his usual place of abode.

Penalty.  
[6 of 1997]

3. Everyone who contravenes any of the provisions of subsection (1) of the last preceding section, or gives a

certificate which is false in any particular (including the statement of place of abode), shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of nine thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for two months.

Exceptions.

4. Nothing in this Act—

- (a) shall apply to any petition or other Act addressed to, or to be filed or lodged in any proceeding in, a court of law which has been prepared or drawn by a legal practitioner duly admitted to practise in the courts of Guyana;
  - (b) shall be construed to affect the criminal jurisdiction of the High Court.
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