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[11th March, 1947]

1. This Act may be cited as the Definition of Time Act.
2. The Standard Time to be observed throughout Belize for all purposes whatever, save as hereinafter provided, shall be the mean time of Longitude ninety degrees West, which is seven minutes, seventeen seconds and twenty-seven hundredths of a second later than the mean time at Belize City and six hours later than Greenwich mean time.
3. The Minister responsible for Home Affairs may from time to time by Order published in the *Gazette* prescribe that the local time in Belize shall vary from Standard Time as fixed in section 2 by such lengths of time and for

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4. Subject to the provisions of section 5, whenever any reference to a point of time occurs in any enactment, Act, proclamation, Order in Council, Order, regulation rule, by-law, deed, notice or other document whatever, unless it is otherwise specifically stated, the time referred to shall be deemed to be the time fixed by section 2 or such other time as the Minister responsible for Home Affairs may under section 3 have ordered.

5. Nothing in this Act shall affect the use of Greenwich mean time for purpose of astronomy, meteorology or navigation or affect the construction of any document mentioning or referring to a point of time in connection with any of those purposes.