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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

1. Definition -  
    “temporary absence”.
2. Residence.



## CHAPTER NO. 1.

### *Organic Law on Residence,*

Being a Provisional Organic Law to implement Section Sch.1.15 (*residence*) of the *Constitution* in relation to citizenship by naturalization by providing for and in relation to periods of temporary absence from the country,

MADE by the Constituent Assembly to come into operation on Independence Day<sup>1</sup>.

#### **1. DEFINITION.**

In this Law, “temporary absence” means absence for temporary purposes with the intention of returning.

#### **2. RESIDENCE.**

Where in any Constitutional Law or other law relating to citizenship by naturalization there is a requirement of permanent residence or of continuous residence in the country -

- (a) any periods of temporary absence from the country not exceeding six months at any one time shall be counted as periods of residence in the country; and
- (b) any periods of temporary absence from the country exceeding six months but not exceeding two years at any one time shall not, except in relation in each case to the first six months of the period, be counted as periods of residence in the country but otherwise do not affect the continuity of residence; and
- (c) any periods of temporary absence exceeding two years at any one time shall not be counted as periods of residence and break continuity of residence.

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<sup>1</sup> “Adopted” on 20 August 1975, after the adoption of Constitution.