



ORDINANCE No. 56 OF 1956.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (LOCAL AUTHORITIES GUARANTEE
FUND) ORDINANCE, 1956.

I assent.

Governor

28th December, 1956.

BRITISH GUIANA.

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AN ORDINANCE to establish a fund for the provision of security for the faithful performance of their duties by persons employed by Local Authorities.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

A.D. 1956.

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Local Government (Local Authorities Guarantee Fund) Ordinance, 1956.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance —

“local authority” shall have the meaning assigned thereto by the Principal Ordinance;

“officer” shall have the meaning assigned thereto by the Principal Ordinance;

“prescribed” means prescribed by the Board by Regulations made under this Ordinance;

“the Board” means the Local Government Board;

“the Principal Ordinance” means the Local Government Ordinance.

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Establishment of Local Authorities Guarantee Fund.

3. (1) There is hereby established a Fund to be styled the Local Authorities Guarantee Fund (hereinafter referred to as “the Fund”) for the purpose of providing security for the faithful performance of their duties by those persons required so to do under the provisions of the Principal Ordinance.

(2) There shall be paid into the Fund all moneys lying at the credit of the Fund created by the Board on the 9th April, 1924, and known as the Districts Guarantee Fund.

Power of Board to employ a secretary and servants.

4. (1) The Board may employ a secretary for the proper administration of the Fund at such salary as may be fixed by the Board.

(2) The Board may employ such other persons as they may require for the proper administration of the Fund.

Management of Fund.

5. (1) The Fund shall be under the management and control of the Board, and any act required to be done by the Board in relation to the Fund shall be performed by the Chairman and the Secretary to the Board.

(2) All expenses incurred by the Board in connection with the proper administration of the Fund shall be defrayed out of the Fund.

Obtaining of security by local authorities.

6. Every local authority which desires to obtain security in any sum approved by the Board for the faithful performance of his duties by any officer in the employ of such authority, shall pay into the Fund such annual sum as may be prescribed by the Board.

Obtaining of security by officers of local authorities.

7. Every officer required to give security for the faithful performance of his duties under the provisions of subsection (4) of section 84 of the Principal Ordinance shall pay into the Fund such annual sum as may be prescribed by the Board.

Payments into Fund.

8. All payments into the Fund shall be made in advance.

Claims by local authorities.

9. (1) Where any officer in the employ of a local authority in respect of whom security has been obtained or given as provided

by section 6 or section 7 of this Ordinance is in default of duly accounting to the local authority for any moneys received by him on its behalf, the amount due shall be certified by the Chairman of the local authority and submitted to the Board through the District Commissioner.

(2) The District Commissioner shall submit to the Board together with the certificate of the amount due, a report on the circumstances of the case.

10. Where the Board is satisfied that any loss has been incurred by a local authority as a result of the failure of any officer employed by such authority faithfully to perform his duties, the Board shall direct that the local authority be re-imbursed from the Fund to an extent not exceeding the amount for which security has been granted to such local authority and obtained by the officer under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Re-imburse-
ment of
local au-
thorities.

11. Where the Board is satisfied —

- (a) that any officer who has made payments to the Fund under the provisions of section 7 of this Ordinance has ceased to be liable to make any further payments; and
- (b) that such officer has faithfully performed his duties throughout the period of his employment in respect of which he was required to give security under the provisions of subsection (4) of section 84 of the Principal Ordinance,

Refund of
contribu-
tions to
officers.

the Board shall refund to such officer all payments made by him to the Fund.

12. The Board may with the approval of the Governor in Council, make regulations —

- (a) prescribing the manner in which accounts relating to the Fund shall be kept;
- (b) providing for the auditing of accounts;
- (c) prescribing the payments to be made into the Fund by local authorities and by officers; and
- (d) generally, for the proper administration of the Fund and the carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Regula-
tions.

13. All acts done by the Board prior to the commencement of this Ordinance in relation to the fund known as the Districts Guarantee Fund and all payments made in respect thereof by the Board or by any local authority or person employed by any local authority are hereby declared to be valid for all purposes.

Validation
of acts in
respect of
Districts
Guarantee
Fund

Passed by the Legislative Council this twenty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

[Signature]
Clerk of the Legislature.