



assent.
Edward Darham

Governor.

23rd December, 1933.

BRITISH GUIANA.

ORDINANCE NO. 40 OF 1933.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Poor Relief Ordinance, Chapter 90, with respect to the administration of poor relief outside the City of Georgetown. A.D. 1933.

BE it enacted by the Governor of British Guiana, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Poor Relief Ordinance, 1933, and shall be construed with the Poor Relief Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance. Short Title.
Cap. 90.

2. Sub-section (1) of section two of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:— Amdt. to
sec. 2 (1) of
Cap. 90.

(a) by deletion of the expression "commissary" and the definition thereof;

(b) by adding the following—

"district" means a poor relief district established by the Governor under sub-section (1) of section thirteen;

"local board" means a local board of guardians appointed by the Governor under sub-section (4) of section thirteen.

3. Section thirteen of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor—

"13.—(1) The Governor may by notice published in the *Gazette* declare and establish in any part of the Colony outside the City of Georgetown districts for the purposes of administration of relief to the destitute poor in the district in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

(2) The notice shall set out the boundaries of every district.

(3) The Governor may from time to time by notice published in the *Gazette* alter the limits of any district.

(4) The Governor may in any district appoint a local board consisting of not more than six and not less than three persons of whom one shall be a public officer who shall be chairman. The board shall be entrusted, under the Commissioners, with the duty of administering relief within the district.

(5) Every member of a local board shall hold office for two years subject to prior termination by the Governor for absence from the Colony or for other reason.

(6) No business shall be transacted by a board unless a majority of the members is present. The chairman shall have an original and a casting vote."

4. Paragraph (d) of section fifteen of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor—

"(d) the guidance of the local boards and any officers employed by the Commissioners in the administration of relief to the poor in carrying into effect the provisions of this Ordinance."

5. Section twenty-four of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor—

"24. The chairman of every local board shall keep accounts of its receipts and disbursements for poor relief, and whenever required by the Commissioners shall produce a balance sheet of the accounts."

Repeal and re-enactment of sec. 13 of Cap. 90.

Establishment of districts.

Am.dt. to sec. 15 of Cap. 90. Paragraph (d) repealed and re-enacted.

Repeal and re-enactment of sec. 24 of Cap. 90. Accounts.

6. Section twenty-five of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor—
- Repeal and re-enactment of sec. 25 of Cap. 90.
- “25. Every local board shall keep a register of the paupers to whom relief is granted or allowed within its district in the manner and form directed by the Commissioners. The register shall be furnished by the Commissioners.”
- Register of paupers.
7. Section twenty-eight of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor—
- Repeal and re-enactment of sec. 28 of Cap. 90.
- “28. The Commissioners whenever they deem it expedient may place at the disposal of a local board one or more paid enquirers for the purpose of enquiring into the circumstances of any recipient of poor relief and every applicant therefor; and the local board is hereby authorised to require for any such purpose the assistance of every Government Medical Officer, police constable, rural constable, bailiff or other public officer within its district.”
8. Section thirty of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor—
- Repeal and re-enactment of sec. 30 of Cap. 90.
- “30.—(1) There shall be a meeting of every local board in the months of January and July in each year for the purpose of considering the cases of every recipient of and every applicant for poor relief within its district, along with the reports of the enquiries made into their circumstances, and the board shall upon consideration of the reports, and upon personal inspection where necessary and practicable, fix the amount of relief to be given to every applicant, or direct that the relief previously issued be increased or reduced or discontinued.
- (2) The Chairman of a local board may summon a meeting of the board at any time for the purpose of considering necessitous cases as they arise.”
- Meetings of local boards.
9. Section thirty-one of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by substituting—
- Amdt. to sec. 31 of Cap. 90.
- (a) The words “chairman of every local board” for the word “commissary” in the first line.
- (b) the word “said” for the word “local” in the second line.
10. Section thirty-three of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor—
- Repeal and re-enactment of sec. 33 of Cap. 90.
- “33. All sums required for poor relief in any district shall be from time to time remitted by the Commissioners to the chairman of the local board for distribution: provided that
- Remittances of amounts required for poor relief to local boards.

where a person requiring relief does not reside within the limits of any district the Commissioners shall deal with every such case as they think fit."

Repeal of
secs. 29 and
36 of Cap. 80.

11. Sections twenty-nine and thirty-six of the Principal Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passed by the Legislative Council this 15th day of December, 1933.


Clerk of the Council.

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