

Bill No. 18 of 1965.

MINISTERS, MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY AND SPECIAL OFFICES (EMOLUMENTS) BILL, 1965.

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES TO MINISTERS, MEM- BERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY AND THE HOLDERS OF CERTAIN OTHER OFFICES.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana :—

A.D. 1965.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Ministers, Members of the House of Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Ordinance, 1965, and shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 14th December, 1964.

Short title and commencement.

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, there shall be paid to the persons holding the respective offices specified in the schedule to this Ordinance the salaries and allowances specified therein in respect of the said offices.

Salaries and allowances prescribed for the holders of certain offices. Schedule.

(2) The salary provided for under subsection (1) of this section for the Premier, or any other Minister, or a Parliamentary Secretary, or the Speaker of the House of Assembly, shall be in lieu of any salary to which any of the persons aforesaid would, but for this subsection, be entitled by virtue of his being a member of the House of Assembly.

3. The Premier shall be entitled to occupy free of rent a fully furnished residence provided by the Government, or in lieu of such occupation to be paid a house allowance of the amount specified in the schedule to this Ordinance.

Provision of residence for the Premier. Schedule.

Travelling and subsistence allowances. Schedule.

4. (1) There shall be paid to the holder of any office specified in the schedule to this Ordinance travelling and subsistence allowances at such rates and subject to such conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by order of the Minister responsible for finance (hereinafter in this Ordinance referred to as "the Minister").

(2) A member of the House of Assembly who has made and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance under article 55 of the Constitution of British Guiana shall be entitled to travel at the expense of the Government on any transport services operated by the Transport and Harbours Department.

Sums payable under this Ordinance charged on the revenues of British Guiana.

5. The sums payable under the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby charged on the revenues of British Guiana.

Commencement and suspension of payments.

6. (1) The payments to which any member of the House of Assembly may be entitled by virtue of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be made with effect from the date on which that person makes and subscribes the oath or affirmation of allegiance under article 55 of the Constitution of British Guiana, and where a person is appointed to be a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary, or is elected to be the Speaker of the House of Assembly, the appropriate payments shall be made to him as a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary or as Speaker of the House of Assembly with effect from the date of his appointment or election, as the case may be, to such office.

(2) No payment shall be made under this Ordinance to a member of the House of Assembly in relation to his office as such a member with respect to any period during which he is required by the Constitution of British Guiana to cease to perform his functions as such a member or is suspended from the exercise of such functions in pursuance of any Standing Order for the regulation and conduct of the proceedings of the House.

Exemptions from income tax. Cap. 299.

7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Income Tax Ordinance, income tax shall not be payable in respect of —

- (a) the value of any residence occupied by the Premier or any allowance paid to the Premier in lieu of such occupation under section 3 of this Ordinance;
- (b) any allowance paid to the Premier, or to any other Minister, or to the Attorney General if he is not a Minister, under the provisions of section 2 or 4 of this Ordinance which but for the provision of this section would be liable to tax under the Income Tax Ordinance.

Power to amend, alter, vary or replace schedule to this Ordinance. Schedule.

8. (1) The Minister may, from time to time, by order, amend, alter or vary the provisions of the schedule to this Ordinance or substitute a new schedule in place thereof.

(2) Any order made under this section shall be laid before the House of Assembly within fourteen days after it is made, and if the House, within the period of thirty days beginning with the day on which any such order is laid before it, resolves that the order be annulled it shall be thereby annulled and the order so annulled shall thenceforth become void and of no effect but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under the order or to the making of a new order.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) of this section, in reckoning any period of days, no account shall be taken of any time during which the Legislature is dissolved or prorogued or during which the House of Assembly is adjourned for more than seven days.

Retrospective operation of orders made under section 4 or 8 of this Ordinance.

9. Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of section 6 of this Ordinance, any order made under section 4 or 8 of this Ordinance may contain provision authorising the payment of any allowance or salary from a date earlier than the date on which the order is made.

10. The Legislature (Remuneration of Members) Ordinance, 1962, is hereby repealed. ^{Repeal.} No. 1 of 1962.

SCHEDULE

Sections 2, 3.

1. The Premier and every other Minister shall be paid a salary at the rate of \$10,080 per annum.
2. The Attorney General, if he is not a Minister, shall be paid a salary at the rate of \$16,800 per annum and a professional allowance at the rate of \$7,200 per annum.
3. Every Parliamentary Secretary shall be paid a salary at the rate of \$5,760 per annum.
4. The Speaker of the House of Assembly shall be paid a salary at the rate of \$6,000 per annum.
5. Every member of the House of Assembly shall be paid a salary at the rate of \$3,000 per annum.
6. The Premier shall be paid an entertainment allowance of \$200 per month, and every other Minister and the Attorney General, if he is not a Minister, shall be paid an entertainment allowance of \$100 per month.
7. The house allowance to be paid under section 3 of this Ordinance to the Premier shall be \$480 per month.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to repeal and re-enact with certain adaptations and modifications the provisions of the Legislature (Remuneration of Members) Ordinance, 1962, and to provide for the emoluments of the Attorney General.

L. F. S. BURNHAM,
Premier.

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