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A BILL  
INTITULED

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PROVISION FOR PAYMENT OF REMUNERATION TO ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY AND FOR PAYMENT OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES TO MEMBERS OF THE STATE COUNCIL AND THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the State Council and House of Assembly (Payment to Members) Ordinance, 1953. Short title.

2. Subject to the provisions of section twenty-three of the British Guiana (Constitution) Order in Council, 1953, every elected member of the House of Assembly shall be paid a salary at the rate of one thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars per annum. Payment of remuneration to elected Members of the House of Assembly. 1953. No. 586.

3. (1) Every member of the State Council, and every member of the House of Assembly shall, upon fulfilling the conditions prescribed under the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, be paid travelling expenses and subsistence allowances in respect of his attendances at meetings of the State Council or House of Assembly as the case may be, or of any committee, advisory board, advisory council, board or authority appointed by the Governor or under powers conferred by any Ordinance and of which he is a member. Payment of travelling expenses and subsistence allowances to Members of the State Council and the House of Assembly.

(2) The Governor in Council shall, by Order published in the *Gazette*, prescribe the conditions subject to which travelling expenses and subsistence allowances shall be paid under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section and the rates at which such payments shall be made.

4. The sums payable under the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby charged upon the revenues of the Colony and shall be paid by the Treasurer —

- (a) in the case of payments to be made under the provisions of section 2 of this Ordinance, upon warrant directed to him under the hand of the Governor; and
- (b) in the case of payments to be made under section 3 of this Ordinance, in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Governor in Council.

5. All payments to which any member of the State Council or 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 member first took his seat in the State Council or the House of Assembly as the case may be. Date of commencement of payments.

6. The Executive and Legislative Councils (Remuneration of Members) Ordinance, 1948, is hereby repealed. Repeal of No. 25 of 1948.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The object of this Bill is to make provision for the payment of remuneration to elected members of the House of Assembly and for the payment of travelling expenses and subsistence allowances to all members of the State Council and the House of Assembly.

2. Clause 2 seeks to provide for the payment to elected members of the House of Assembly of a salary of one thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars per annum (i.e. \$160 per month).

3. Clause 3 provides for the payment of travelling expenses and subsistence allowances to members of the State Council and to all members of the House of Assembly on the terms and at the rates decided on by the Governor in Council and published in the *Official Gazette*.

4. Clause 4 charges the amounts provided for in the Ordinance on the revenues of the Colony and prescribes their modes of payment.