

Bill No. 27 of 1962 (L.A.)

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The following Bill which will be introduced in the Legislative Assembly is published for general information.

I. CRUM EWING,
Clerk of the Legislature.

Bill No. 27 of 1962 (L.A.).

**PUBLIC AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS (REMUNERATION)
BILL, 1962.**

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE TO PRESCRIBE THE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO CERTAIN PERSONS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND TO THE JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana :—

A.D. 1962

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Public and Judicial Officers (Remuneration) Ordinance, 1962. Short title and commencement.

(2) This Ordinance shall in respect of any moneys payable thereunder as salaries —

- (a) to the respective persons holding office as Director of Public Prosecutions, appointed member of the Judicial Service Commission, members of the Public Service Commission and of the Police Service Commission, be deemed to have come into operation on the 5th September, 1961;
- (b) to the respective persons holding office as judges of the Supreme Court and Director of Audit, be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st January, 1961.

Salaries prescribed.
Schedule.

2. (1) The amounts specified in the schedule to this Ordinance in relation to the persons holding the offices specified therein, are hereby prescribed as the salaries payable annually to the said persons.

(2) The amounts aforesaid shall grow due and become payable monthly on the last day of each month in the year:

Provided that the amounts so to be paid for or in respect of each month shall not exceed the aggregate amount of all such salaries for the month, the monthly salary of a person holding an office aforesaid being one-twelfth of his annual salary:

Provided further that where a person is appointed to be a member of more than one Service Commission, he shall only be entitled to be paid salary as prescribed in respect of his membership of one Service Commission, and where the amount of salary prescribed for members of the respective Service Commissions is not the same, the said person shall be entitled to be paid whichever amount of salary is greater or greatest, as the case may be.

(3) In this section, the expression "Service Commission" means the Judicial Service Commission or the Public Service Commission or the Police Service Commission established under the Constitution of British Guiana.

3. There shall be paid to the holder of any office specified in the schedule to this Ordinance such allowances as may from time to time be prescribed by order of the Minister responsible for finance (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister").

Allowances.
Schedule.

Exemption from customs duties of goods imported by the Governor.

4. No customs duties or bill of entry tax shall be charged, levied or paid on goods imported by or on behalf of the Governor for his personal use.

Power to amend schedule.

5. (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 Legislative Assembly within fourteen days after it is made, and if the Legislative Assembly, 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 the preceding subsection, 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 Legislative Assembly is adjourned for more than seven days.

Retrospective operation of orders made under section 5.

6. Any order made under section 3 or 5 of this Ordinance may contain provisions authorising the payment of any allowance or salary from a date earlier than the date on which the order is published in the Gazette, although for the purposes of an order made under the said section 3, such earlier date may be a date prior to the commencement of this Ordinance.

Repeal. Cap. 68. Cap. 7.

7. The Civil List Ordinance, and sections 8 and 9 of the Supreme Court Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE

Sections 2, 3, 5.

The Governor (in addition to a furnished residence)—	
Salary	\$24,000
Judges of the Supreme Court —	
The Chief Justice — Salary	\$13,920
Every Puisne Judge — Salary	\$10,560
The Director of Public Prosecutions —	
Salary	\$10,560
The appointed member of the Judicial Service Commission —	
Salary	\$ 3,000
Members of the Public Service Commission —	
The Chairman — Salary	\$ 9,600
Every other member performing full time duties with the Commission — Salary	\$ 6,720
Every member performing part time duties with the Commission — Salary	\$ 4,200
Every appointed member of the Police Service Commission —	
Salary	\$ 1,200
The Director of Audit —	
Salary	\$10,320

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Under the Constitution of British Guiana, the salaries and allowances of persons holding certain offices are required to be prescribed by a law of the Legislature and are charged on the revenues of British Guiana by the Constitution. The effect of this is that a number of offices the salaries of which were charged on the revenues of British Guiana are no longer to be so charged. This Bill therefore seeks to provide for the prescribing of the salaries and allowances of the offices charged on the revenues of British Guiana by the Constitution and at the same time repeals certain enactments which can no longer be operative.

CHARLES JACOB, JR.
Minister of Finance.

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