

**THE ACTS OF PARLIAMENT LAW, 1966**



No. 15



1966

I assent,

7th September, 1966

H.S. Norman-Walker,  
Her Majesty's Commissioner.

**A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORM AND COMMENCEMENT OF ACTS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF BOTSWANA ; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWING THE PASSING OF BILLS ; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL TO OR CONNECTED WITH THE FOREGOING.**

(30th September, 1966)

ENACTED by the Legislature of Bechuanaland.

**Short Title and Commencement.**

1. This Law may be cited as the Acts of Parliament Law, 1966, and shall come into operation on the 30th September, 1966.

### **Enactments to be styled "Acts".**

2. All laws made by Parliament shall be styled "Acts".

### **Words of Enactment.**

3. (1) The provisions of every Act shall be prefaced by the words of enactment specified in the First Schedule.

(2) The words of enactment shall be taken to extend to all sections of the Act and to any Schedules, tables and other provisions contained therein.

### **Sections and Subsections.**

4. Where an Act contains more than one enactment it shall be divided into sections and sections containing more than one enactment shall be divided into subsections.

### **Preparation of Presentation Copies.**

5. (1) As soon as a Bill has been passed by the National Assembly the Clerk of the National Assembly shall cause the text of the Bill as passed to be sent to the Government Printer who shall print four copies thereof on paper of enduring quality and send the copies as printed to the Clerk.

(2) On receiving the said copies the Clerk shall —

- (a) cause to be made in the said copies such corrections as relate to misprints, typographical errors and wrong references, if any, as are necessary;
- (b) carefully compare the said copies with the text of the Bill as passed and if he finds them to be correct sign on each copy a statement in the form set out in the Second Schedule; and
- (c) cause the said copies to be presented to the President for assent.

### **Special Bills.**

6. (1) Where a special Bill has been passed by the National Assembly in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution relating to such Bill, the Speaker or, if the Speaker is absent or otherwise unable to act, the Deputy Speaker, shall, before copies of the Bill are presented to the President for his assent, insert

in such copies in whatever form he considers appropriate a certificate that the Bill was passed in accordance with such requirements. Any such certificate shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts stated therein.

(2) In this section "special Bill" means such a Bill as is referred to in section 94 (2) or section 95 (2) of the Constitution.

#### **The Assent.**

7. (1) The President shall signify that he assents to a Bill by signing on each copy of the Bill presented to him in accordance with the provisions of section 5, a statement to that effect in the form set out in the Third Schedule.

(2) A Bill shall become an Act on the signature by the President of the first of the said copies.

#### **Numbering.**

8. (1) Acts shall be numbered consecutively in the order in which they become Acts and the numbering shall begin afresh at the commencement of a calendar year.

(2) As soon as the President has signed a copy of an Act under the provisions of section 7, the Clerk of the National Assembly shall cause the number of the Act to be entered on the copy so signed.

#### **Original Copies.**

9. (1) Whenever the procedure set out in section 5, 7 and 8 purports to have been followed in relation to copies of an Act, the copies shall be deemed to be the original copies of the Act and shall be conclusive evidence of the terms of the Act, its number and the date of assent.

(2) One of the original copies of every Act shall be retained by the President who shall cause one each of the remaining copies to be deposited with the Speaker and the Chief Justice and one deposited in the Government Archives.

#### **Publication.**

10. Every Act shall be published by the Government Printer as soon as may be after the President's assent has been signified, and shall be so published —

- (a) with the omission of the statements contained in the original copies by virtue of the provisions of section 5 and 7 ;
- (b) with the insertion of a statement of the date on which the President's assent was signified, and the date of commencement ;
- (c) where appropriate, with the inclusion of any certificate given in pursuance of the provisions of section 6.

**Commencement.**

11. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the commencement of an Act shall be such date as is provided in or under the Act, or where no date is so provided, the date of its publication as notified in the *Gazette*.

(2) Every Act shall be deemed to come into force immediately on the expiration of the day next preceding its commencement.

(3) A provision in an Act regulating the coming into force of the Act or any part thereof shall have effect notwithstanding that the part of the Act containing the provision has not come into operation.

(4) Where an Act is made with retrospective effect the commencement of the Act shall be the date from which it is given or deemed to be given such effect.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

(Section 3)

**Words of Enactment**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

(Section 5)

**Form of Authentication Statement**

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me

with the Bill which has passed the National Assembly, and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

signed.....  
Clerk of the National Assembly.

Date of Authentication:

### THIRD SCHEDULE

(Section 7)

#### Form of Statement of the President's Assent

I hereby signify my assent to this Bill.

signed.....  
President.

Date of Assent:

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this day,  
the 23rd August, 1966.

G.T. MATENGE,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.