

THE STATE LAND LAW, 1966



No. 29



1966

I assent.

7th September, 1966

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

A LAW TO DEFINE THE STATE LAND OF BOTSWANA, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DISPOSAL AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL TO, OR CONNECTED WITH, THE FOREGOING MATTERS.

(30th September, 1966)

ENACTED by the Legislature of Bechuanaland.

Short Title and Commencement.

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

Interpretation.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires —

“state land” means unalienated state land and reacquired state land;

“unalienated state land” means any land in Botswana other than —

- (a) land included in any tribal territory or the Barolong Farms;
- (b) land included in any grant thereof made by or on behalf of Her Majesty prior to the commencement of this Law or on behalf of the President under this Law;
- (c) the farms "Ramathlabama's Kuil" (60-JO), "Forest Hill" (9-KO), "Traquair" (10-KO) and "Crocodile Pools" (15-KO);

"reacquired state land" means any land, not being unalienated state land, ownership whereof is vested in the Republic.

Disposal of State Land.

3. The President may make and execute grants or other dispositions of any state land or of any interest therein.

Exercise of President's Powers.

4: (1) The powers conferred upon the President by section 3 may be exercised on behalf of the President by any person so authorised by the President by notice published in the *Gazette*.

(2) Any such authority shall be subject to such conditions and restrictions (if any) as may be specified in the notice by which it is conferred, and may be varied or revoked by the President by notice published in the *Gazette*.

Section 22, 23 and 27 of Law No.13 of 1966 Not Applicable.

5. Sections 22, 23 and 27 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Law, 1966, shall not apply in respect of the powers vested in the President by this Law.

Contract of Sale etc. to be under Hand of President or Authorised Person.

6. No contract for the sale or other disposition of any state land or of any interest in any state land shall be of any force or effect unless it is in writing and the agreement of the President or of a person authorised under section 4 to exercise the powers of the President is signified under the hand of the President or such person.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this day,

the 23rd August, 1966.

G T. MATENGE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.