

THE HOUSE OF CHIEFS (SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES) ACT, 1967

No. 17



of 1967

AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE THE SALARY AND ALLOWANCES TO BE PAID TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF CHIEFS

Date of Assent: 12.5.67.

Date of Commencement : 19. 5. 67.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the House of Chiefs (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1967.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, unless inconsistent with the context —

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the House ;

“House” means the House of Chiefs ;

“member” means any member of the House.

Salary of Chairman.

3. The Chairman shall be paid from moneys appropriated by law for such purpose a salary at the rate of six hundred rand a year.

Salary of Members.

4. (1) Every member who has taken his seat in the House shall be paid from moneys appropriated by law for such purpose a salary at the rate of five hundred rand a year.

(2) If a member is absent from any sitting of the House such salary shall not be paid in respect of the period commencing on the day of such absence and terminating immediately before the day on which he next attends a sitting of the House.

(3) For the purposes of the preceding subsection a member who is absent from any sitting of the House with the leave of the Chairman shall be deemed to attend such sitting.

Allowances of Chairman and Members.

5. The Chairman and members shall be paid from moneys appropriated by law for such purpose the allowance prescribed in the Schedule.

Allowances Exempt from Income Tax.

6. The allowances payable in terms of this Act shall be exempt from Income Tax.

SCHEDULE (section 5)

Subsistence Allowance.

1. The Chairman and any member shall receive an allowance at the rate of six rand for every day or part thereof exceeding four hours that he is necessarily absent from home in attending any meeting of the House or any Committee thereof.

Transport Allowance.

2. (1) The Chairman and any member shall receive an allowance, calculated in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (2), in respect of one return journey undertaken by him by the shortest route in his own motor vehicle or by any public road, rail, or air service —

- (a) from his home to any meeting of the House, or of any Committee thereof of which he is a member held while the House is not sitting; and
- (b) from any such meeting to his home during any adjournment of such meeting of three clear days or longer.

(2) Such allowance shall be —

- (a) where the journey or part thereof is performed in the member's own motor vehicle, at the rate of 12 cents a mile;

(b) where the journey or any part thereof is performed by any public road, rail or air service, a sum equal to the fare actually paid up to a maximum of the ordinary first class fare payable on such service.

Duty Allowance.

3. Every member shall receive an allowance of five rand for every sitting of the House during the whole of which he presides in place of the Chairman.

Passed by the National Assembly this day, the 31st March, 1967.

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