

24 OF 1926.

A.D. 1926. TO AMEND THE LAW REGULATING PENSIONS, GRATUITIES
 24 of 1926. AND OTHER ALLOWANCES TO BE GRANTED IN RESPECT
 OF OFFICES HELD IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF CYPRUS.
 MALCOLM STEVENSON.] [May 15, 1926.

BE it enacted:—

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Pensions (Amendment, No. 2) Law, 1926, and shall be read as one with the Pensions Law, 1905, (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Law), and the Pensions (Amendment) Law, 1924, and the Pensions (Amendment) Law, 1926, and the Principal Law and the said Laws and this Law may together be cited as the Pensions Laws, 1905 to (No. 2) 1926.

Amendment
 of Schedule
 2, Regula-
 tion 20, of
 Principal
 Law.

2. Schedule 2, Regulation 20, of the Principal Law is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following proviso:—

And Provided further that where the new office is that of Governor or High Commissioner of a British Dominion, Colony or Protectorate, or a territory under British Mandate, or that of Governor in India, the amount to be taken as the annual emoluments of such office for the purpose of this Regulation shall be determined by the Secretary of State.

Amendment
 of Schedule 2
 of Principal
 Law.

3. Schedule 2 of the Principal Law is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following Regulations:—

Gratuity and
 reduced
 pension.

25.—(1) An officer to whom a pension is hereafter granted under the Law may, at his option exercisable as hereinafter provided, be paid, in lieu of such pension, a pension at the rate of three-fourths of such pension together with a gratuity equal to ten times the annual value of the reduction so made in the pension.

(2) The option referred to in sub-section (1) shall be exercisable:—

(a) In the case of an officer who, if he had been retired on grounds of ill-health at the date of the publication of this Regulation in the *Cyprus Gazette*, might have been granted a pension under the Law, not later than six months after the said date of publication.

(b) In the case of any other officer; within one month after the earliest date on which, if retired on grounds of ill-health, he might be awarded a pension under the Law, or not later than six months

after the publication of this Regulation in the *Cyprus Gazette*, whichever shall be the later date for exercising the option.

Provided always—

(i) That an officer who has previously had the opportunity of exercising the option but has not done so, and who is still in the service of Cyprus or in any other public service, may apply within one month of his subsequent marriage for permission to exercise the option, which permission may be granted at the Governor's discretion after examination of the officer by a Government Medical Board;

(ii) That the date of the exercise of the option shall be deemed to be the date of the receipt of his written notification addressed either to the Colonial Secretary in Cyprus or to the Crown Agents for the Colonies; or, in any case falling under the preceding proviso, the date on which the Governor grants permission to exercise the option; and

(iii) That, if an officer has exercised the option, his decision shall be irrevocable so far as concerns any pension ultimately to be granted to him under the Law.

26. If any officer to whom a pension has been granted under this Law is appointed to another office in the service of Cyprus, and subsequently retires in circumstances in which he may be granted a pension, he may be granted, in lieu of his previous pension, a pension computed as if the periods of his service had been continuous, and such pension may be based on his pensionable emoluments on his previous or final retirement from the service of Cyprus, whichever are the greater: provided that if, on his previous retirement, he was paid a gratuity and reduced pension, the gratuity to be paid to him on final retirement shall be reduced by the amount of the gratuity already paid.

27. When an officer holding a pensionable office, who is not serving on probation or agreement, dies while in the service of Cyprus, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to grant to his legal personal representative a gratuity of an amount not exceeding one year's pensionable emoluments.

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