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An Act to regulate the granting of pensions, gratuities and other allowances to officers in the public service of Singapore.

[1 July 1956]

**Short title**

1. This Act is the Pensions Act 1956.

**Interpretation**

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

“officer” includes a judge and a police officer of any rank;

“officer on the pensionable establishment” means an officer who has been confirmed in his or her appointment as the holder of a pensionable office;

“other public service” means public service not under the Government of Singapore;

“Pension Authority”, in relation to any officer or retired officer, means a Pension Authority appointed under section 4 for that officer or the class to which that officer belongs;

“Pension Fund” means the Pension Fund established by the Pension Fund Act 1995;

“pensionable emoluments” means —

(a) in respect of public service in Singapore —

(i) the basic salary attached to a pensionable office or, in the case of an officer serving in a pensionable class, the basic salary payable to that officer as an officer of that class;

(ii) any personal pensionable allowance; and

(iii) such other allowances as may be prescribed by regulations to be pensionable allowances; and

(b) in respect of other public service, emoluments which count for pension under any law or regulation in force relating to such service;

“pensionable office” means —

(a) in respect of public service in Singapore, an office or class of office declared by the President, by notification in the *Gazette*, to be pensionable and

not likewise declared, by subsequent notification in the *Gazette*, to be non-pensionable; but where by virtue of any such declaration any office ceases to be a pensionable office, then so long as any person holding that office at the time of the declaration continues therein, the office, as respects that person, continues to be a pensionable office; and

- (b) in respect of other public service, an office which is a pensionable office under any law or regulation in force relating to such service;

“public service” means service in a civil capacity under the Government of Singapore or in such other service as the President may determine to be public service for the purpose of any provision of this Act;

“repealed Ordinance” means any Ordinance repealed by section 21;

“Singapore” means —

- (a) in relation to any period ending before 3 June 1959 — the Colony of Singapore; and
- (b) in relation to any period beginning on or after 3 June 1959 and ending before 9 August 1965 — the State of Singapore.

### **Application of this Act**

3.—(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (4), the provisions of this Act shall apply —

- (a) to all officers appointed to the public service in Singapore; and
- (b) to all officers who have been transferred from Singapore to any other public service before 1 July 1956.

(2) Nothing in this Act diminishes the amount of pension, gratuity (other than a gratuity under section 20) or other allowance for which an officer in the public service in Singapore on 1 July 1956 would have been eligible had this Act not been enacted or adversely affect

the conditions which would have been applicable to such pension, gratuity or other allowance.

(3) In the application of this Act to officers who were officers on the Malayan Establishment within the meaning of section 2 of the Malayan Establishment Pensions Ordinance 1948 (M 12/48) immediately before 1 July 1954, the following provisions have effect:

- (a) where any such officer was in the public service in Singapore immediately before 1 July 1954, all rights accrued to such officer in respect of pensions, gratuities or other allowances under the Malayan Establishment Pensions Ordinance 1948 or the Minutes made thereunder continue to subsist under this Act as if service in respect of which those rights accrued had been public service in Singapore; and
- (b) nothing in this Act —
  - (i) diminishes the amount of pension, gratuity or other allowance for which any such officer as is referred to in paragraph (a) would have been eligible under the Malayan Establishment Pensions Ordinance 1948 or the Minutes made thereunder had the Ordinance not been repealed and had the officer continued to serve on the Malayan Establishment; or
  - (ii) adversely affects conditions that would have been applicable to such pension, gratuity or other allowances under that Ordinance or Minutes.

(4) Unless otherwise expressly provided, the provisions of this Act shall not apply —

- (a) to all officers appointed on or after 1 April 1986 to the public service in Singapore, except officers who are appointed to such schemes of service as may be designated by the President; and
- (b) to all officers appointed on or after 1 December 1972 to any office in the public service in Singapore being an office designated as falling within Division 3 or 4, except officers