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# Judges' Remuneration Act

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An Act to provide for the remuneration of the Supreme Court Judges.

*[Act 39 of 2019 wef 02/01/2021]*

[1st September 1994]

### **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Judges' Remuneration Act.

### **Interpretation**

- 1A. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“annual pensionable salary”, in relation to a holder of any judicial office, means the emoluments of the holder, the whole or any part of which count —

- (a) for a pension in accordance with the Pensions Act (Cap. 225) if the holder is appointed to any judicial office before the date of commencement of the Judges' Remuneration (Amendment) Act 2014; or
- (b) for a gratuity in accordance with this Act if the holder is first appointed to any judicial office on or after that date;

“judicial office” means the office of the Chief Justice, a Justice of the Court of Appeal, a Judge of the Appellate Division or a Judge of the High Court.

*[Act 38 of 2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

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## **Remuneration of Judges**

2.—(1) There shall be paid to the Chief Justice, every Justice of the Court of Appeal, every Judge of the Appellate Division and every Judge of the High Court such annual pensionable salaries as the Minister may, from time to time by order published in the *Gazette*, determine.

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(2) A Supreme Court Judge shall receive, in addition to his salary, such pensionable and non-pensionable allowances and privileges as the Minister may determine, which shall not be less than such pensionable and non-pensionable allowances and privileges as a public officer receiving the same pensionable salary would receive.

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(3) Any salary or allowance payable to a Supreme Court Judge under this section shall —

- (a) commence from the date of appointment, but subject to the fulfilment of any condition on which the allowance is payable;
- (b) accrue from day to day; and
- (c) be payable monthly on the last day of each month or on such other day in each month as the Minister for Finance may from time to time determine.

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(4) Any order made under subsection (1) shall be presented to Parliament as soon as possible after publication in the *Gazette*.

## **Savings**

3.—(1) Section 2(2)(b) of the repealed Judges' Remuneration Act (Cap. 147, 1985 Ed.) shall continue to apply to a Judge of the Supreme Court appointed before 1st September 1994.

(2) The annual pensionable salary of a Judge of Appeal from 1st July 1993 to the day immediately before 1st September 1994 shall be \$253,200.

### **Gratuity upon retirement or death in harness**

4.—(1) An individual —

(a) who holds a judicial office; and

(b) who retires from that office on attaining 65 years of age or in such other circumstances as may be prescribed,

may, on retirement, be granted by the President, in respect of each complete month of the individual's reckonable service which is unbroken, a gratuity determined in accordance with a rate prescribed in regulations subject to such limit as may be prescribed in those regulations.

(2) Where at any time after the date of commencement of the Judges' Remuneration (Amendment) Act 2014, an individual dies while holding any judicial office, there may be paid to such of the deceased's dependants as the President may think fit or, if there are no dependants, to the legal personal representatives of the deceased, a death gratuity determined in accordance with regulations.

(3) It shall be lawful for the President to make regulations for the granting of gratuities to individuals who have held judicial office or to their legal personal representatives or dependants, and for such other matters as may be necessary or expedient to give effect to this section.

(4) A gratuity granted under this section —

(a) is not assignable or transferable, except for the purpose of satisfying —

(i) a debt due to the Government; or

(ii) an order of any court for the payment of periodical sums of money towards the maintenance of the spouse or former spouse or minor child, whether legitimate or not, of the individual to whom the gratuity has been granted; and

(b) is not liable to be attached, sequestered or levied upon for or in respect of any debt or claim except a debt due to the Government.

(5) To avoid doubt, no holder of a judicial office shall have an absolute right to compensation for past services or to any gratuity under this section.

(6) There shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund all sums of money as may from time to time be granted by way of gratuity or death gratuity in accordance with this Act.

(7) In this section, “reckonable service” means —

(a) service in one or more judicial offices;

(b) service as a Judicial Commissioner if, and only if, it immediately precedes appointment to a judicial office without any break; or

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(c) such other service in the Government (except as a Senior Judge or an International Judge) that regulations under this section prescribe to be reckonable for the purposes of a gratuity or death gratuity under this section, if, and only if, that other service immediately precedes appointment to a judicial office without any break.

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(8) This section applies only to an individual who is first appointed to any judicial office on or after the date of commencement of the Judges' Remuneration (Amendment) Act 2014.

*[Act 38 of 2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
JUDGES' REMUNERATION ACT  
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This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Judges' Remuneration Act. It is not part of the Act.

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