

FORMER PRESIDENTS (OFFICE, ALLOWANCES AND OTHER BENEFITS) ACT, 2006

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THE GAMBIA

NO. 16 OF 2006

Assented to by The President,

this 5th day of February, 2007



YAHYA A. J. J. JAMMEH
President

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to establish an office and provide for allowances and other benefits for former Presidents and for matters connected therewith.

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ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Former Presidents (Office, Allowances and Other Benefits) Act, 2006.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-
"former President" means a person who has held the office of President of the Republic of The Gambia for not less than two terms.

Establishment of office of former President

3. There is hereby established an office of former President.

Allowances and other benefits

4. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a former President shall-

- (a) be paid a monthly allowance of fifty thousand dalasis; and
- (b) enjoy the other benefits set out in the Schedule.

(2) A President who ceased to hold office under section 67 of the Constitution of the Republic of The Gambia, 1997 is not entitled to the allowances and benefits provided for a former President under this Act.

Duration of allowances and benefits

5. The allowance and other benefits provided for a former President under this Act shall be paid for by The Government of The Gambia during the life time of the former President, from the date of his or her leaving the office of President.

Budget allocation

6. The funds required to meet the expenditure of the Government under this Act shall be provided for in the annual budget.

SCHEDULE (section 4)

BENEFITS FOR FORMER PRESIDENTS

A former president shall enjoy the benefits set out in this Schedule.

Personal Staff

- 1. (1) A Personal Assistant to be selected by the former President.
- (2) A Personal Secretary to be selected by the former President.

Security

- 2. Twenty-four hour security service.

Vehicles

- 3. (1) Three motor vehicles, to be maintained and fuelled.
- (2) The drivers shall be selected by the former President.

Protocol

- 4. (1) Diplomatic Passport for life.
- (2) Protocol within and outside The Gambia.
- (3) A former President shall take first place after the Vice-President in order of precedence at public functions.

Medical Services and Vacation

5. (1) Free medical treatment for the former President and his or her spouse within and, where necessary, outside The Gambia, on the recommendation of the Director of Medical Services in the Department of State for Health and Social Welfare.

(2) Thirty working days annual vacation for the former President and his or her spouse, within and outside The Gambia at a location to be selected by the former President.

(3) Where vacation is to be taken outside The Gambia, the Government shall be responsible for the air tickets and payment of the appropriate *per diem* allowances for the former President and his or her spouse.

Office Accommodation


6. (1) A well furnished and equipped office and-
- (a) not more than four staff, including the Personal Assistant and Personal Secretary;
 - (b) a motor vehicle, to be maintained and fuelled; and
 - (c) a motor cycle, to be maintained and fuelled.

Maintenance of Residential Accommodation

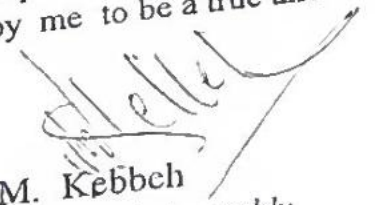
7. The residential accommodation of the former President shall be maintained and provided with telephone, internet and other facilities and the following-

- (a) two cooks;
- (b) four housekeepers; and
- (c) two gardeners.

PASSED in the National Assembly this Eleventh day of December in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Six


D. C. M. Kebbeh
Clerk of the National Assembly.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed in the National Assembly, and found by me to be a true and correct copy of the said Bill.


D. C. M. Kebbeh
Clerk of the National Assembly.