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25 of 1974. An Act to extend the Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions Act to
officers of certain specified Statutory Boards.

Commencement. [2ND SEPTEMBER 1974]

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Widows’ and Orphans’
Pensions Extension Act.

Interpretation. 2. In this Act—

“Committee” means the Public Service Widows’ and Orphans’
Pensions Committee established under section 4 of the
Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions Act;

“pensionable officer” or “officer” means the holder of an office
in a Statutory Board specified in the Schedule to the Pensions
Extension Act;

“Scheme” means the Public Officers Widows’ and Orphans’
Pensions Scheme, which was established under the
Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions Act (Cap. 84-1925
Revised Laws), and which is continued under and by
virtue of the Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions Act, subject
to the provisions of that Act;

“Statutory Boards” means the Statutory Boards specifically named
in the Schedule to the Pensions Extension Act.

3. Notwithstanding any law in force at the commencement
of this Act, but subject to this Act—

(a) the widows or orphans or both of deceased officers
who had been accepted by the Committee, in the
purported exercise of its functions under the
Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions Act, as contributors
to the Scheme are entitled to the payment of pensions
in accordance with the provisions of that Act;
(b) the deceased officers of Statutory Boards who—
   (i) made contributions to the Scheme; and
   (ii) died before they were accepted by the Committee as contributors to the Scheme (whether or not the officers had undergone the prescribed medical examination), shall be deemed to have been accepted by the Committee as contributors thereto and to have been entitled to the privileges and benefits of contributors under the Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions Act.

4. All officers who at the commencement of this Act are employed by the Statutory Boards and are contributing to the Scheme may, within six months of the commencement of this Act, elect, at their option exercisable by notice in writing, to cease making the contributions or to continue making their contributions thereto.

5. An officer who elects—
   (a) to cease making contributions to the Scheme shall be refunded the total amount of his contributions without interest and subject to the deduction of any sums due by him to the Government; or
   (b) to continue making his contributions to the Scheme shall, subject to his being accepted by the Committee as a contributor to the Scheme, be entitled to the privileges and benefits of a contributor under the Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions Act.

6. Where an officer who elects to continue making contributions to the Scheme is not accepted by the Committee as a contributor thereto, he shall be refunded the total amount of his contributions without interest and subject to the deduction of any sums due by him to the Government.