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ACT

To provide for the appointment of locally recruited staff for the office of the Union's diplomatic mission in the United Kingdom, for the repeal of the High Commissioner's Act, 1911, and for matters incidental thereto; and to amend the Government Service Pensions Act, 1955.

(Afrikaans text signed by the Officer Administering the Government.)

(Assented to 18th May, 1961.)

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate and the House of Assembly of the Union of South Africa, as follows:—

Appointment of locally recruited staff in the United Kingdom.

1. (1) The Minister of Finance or, if authorized thereto by him, any officer or employee in the public service may, subject to the laws governing the public service, appoint such locally recruited staff in the United Kingdom as may from time to time be necessary in the office of the Union's diplomatic mission in the United Kingdom.

(2) Any person appointed in terms of sub-section (2) of section five of the High Commissioner's Act, 1911 (Act No. 3 of 1911), and holding a post in the said office at the date of commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to have been appointed under the provisions of sub-section (1).

Reference to "Crown Agents", etc., deemed to be a reference to the head of the Union's diplomatic mission in the United Kingdom.

2. Any reference in any law to "Crown Agents" or "Crown Agents for the Colonies" or "Agent-General" shall be construed as a reference to the head of the Union's diplomatic mission in the United Kingdom.

Substitution of section 24 of Act 58 of 1955.

3. The following section is hereby substituted for section *twenty-four* of the Government Service Pensions Act, 1955:

"Contributions by persons appointed or deemed to have been appointed under section 1 of the Diplomatic Mission in United Kingdom Service Act, 1961.

24. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (h) of section *seven*—

(a) any person appointed under the provisions of sub-section (1) of section *one* of the Diplomatic Mission in United Kingdom Service Act, 1961, who occupies a post designated by the Commission for the purposes of this section, shall, subject to the provisions of the said section *seven*, other than those of paragraph (h) thereof, and to such conditions as the Commission may determine, contribute to the fund in accordance with the scale set forth in section *twenty-five*;

(b) any person who in terms of sub-section (2) of section *one* of the Diplomatic Mission in United Kingdom Service Act, 1961, is deemed to have been appointed under sub-section (1) of that section and who immediately prior to the date of commencement of that Act was contributing to the fund shall continue so to contribute."

Amendment of section 61 of Act 58 of 1955.

4. Section *sixty-one* of the Government Service Pensions Act, 1955, is hereby amended by the substitution in sub-section (4) for all the words preceding the proviso thereto of the words "The provisions of paragraph (a) of sub-section (1), and of sub-section (2) of this section, other than the proviso thereto, shall apply to any person appointed under sub-section (2) of section *five* of the High Commissioner's Act, 1911 (Act No. 3 of 1911), to a clerical post in the office of the High Commissioner referred to therein, or to any post in the said office approved by the Commission for the purposes of this sub-section, who is in terms of sub-section (2) of section *one* of the Diplomatic Mission in United Kingdom Service Act, 1961, deemed to have

been appointed under the provisions of sub-section (1) of that section and who did not become a member of the old fund under section *eighteen* of the Pensions Act.”.

- Repeal of laws. 5. The laws mentioned in the Schedule are hereby repealed to the extent set out in the third column thereof.
- Short title and commencement. 6. This Act shall be called the Diplomatic Mission in United Kingdom Service Act, 1961, and shall come into operation upon a date to be fixed by the Governor-General by proclamation in the *Gazette*.

Schedule.

LAWS REPEALED.

No. and year of law.	Title or subject matter.	Extent of repeal.
Act No. 3 of 1911 ..	High Commissioner's Act, 1911 ..	The whole.
Act No. 41 of 1942 ..	Finance Act, 1942	Section <i>thirteen</i> .
Act No. 28 of 1948 ..	Finance Act, 1948	Section <i>six</i> .
Act No. 34 of 1954 ..	Finance Act, 1954	Section <i>six</i> .