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1998 CHAPTER 47

PART IV

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

Remuneration and pensions

47 Remuneration of members

- (1) The Assembly shall pay to members of the Assembly such salaries as the Assembly may from time to time determine.
- (2) The Assembly may pay to members of the Assembly such allowances as the Assembly may from time to time determine.
- (3) A determination under this section may provide—
 - (a) for higher salaries to be payable to members of the Assembly—
 - (i) holding office as a Minister or junior Minister;
 - (ii) holding office as Presiding Officer or deputy;
 - (iii) holding office as a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission; or
 - (iv) holding an office specified in standing orders; and
 - (b) for different salaries to be payable to members of the Assembly holding different such offices.
- (4) A determination under this section shall provide that, if a salary is payable to a member of the Assembly as a member of either House of Parliament or of the European Parliament, his salary as a member of the Assembly shall be reduced—
 - (a) to a proportion of what it would otherwise be or to a particular amount; or
 - (b) by the amount of the other salary payable to him, by a proportion of that amount or by some other amount.
- (5) A determination under this section may provide for different allowances for different cases.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (6) A determination under this section may provide for salaries or allowances to change from time to time by reference to other amounts or specified formulas.
- (7) The Assembly may not delegate the function of making a determination under this section.
- (8) Standing orders must include provision for the publication of every determination under this section.
- (9) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) a person’s membership of the Assembly begins on the day on which he takes his seat in accordance with standing orders; and
 - (b) a person’s holding of such an office as is mentioned in subsection (3)(a) begins on the day on which he takes up office.
- (10) For the purposes of this section, a person who is a member of the Assembly immediately before the Assembly is dissolved shall be treated—
 - (a) if he continues to hold such an office as is mentioned in subsection (3)(a)(i) to (iii), as if he were a member of the Assembly until the end of the day on which he ceases to hold the office; and
 - (b) if he does not fall within paragraph (a) but is nominated as a candidate at the subsequent general election, as if he were a member of the Assembly until the end of the day of the poll for that election.
- (11) Any expenditure incurred by the Assembly under this section shall be defrayed out of money appropriated by Act of the Assembly.

48 Pensions of members

- (1) The Assembly may make provision for the payment of pensions, gratuities or allowances to, or in respect of, any person who—
 - (a) has ceased to be a member of the Assembly; or
 - (b) has ceased to hold such an office as is mentioned in section 47(3)(a) but continues to be a member of the Assembly.
- (2) Such provision may, in particular, include provision for—
 - (a) contributions or payments towards provision for such pensions, gratuities or allowances;
 - (b) the establishment and administration (whether by the Commission or otherwise) of one or more pension schemes.
- (3) In this section—
 - “the Commission” means the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission;
 - “provision” includes provision—
 - (a) by an Act of the Assembly; or
 - (b) by a resolution of the Assembly conferring functions on the Commission.
- (4) Any expenditure incurred by the Assembly under this section shall be defrayed out of money appropriated by Act of the Assembly.