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WET

Tot wysiging van artikel 2 van die Wet op die Betaling van Parlementslede, 1961, ten einde die duur van 'n sessie van die Parlement vir die doeleindes van daardie artikel te omskryf, en om voorsiening te maak vir die wyse waarop die toelaes betaalbaar aan Parlementslede bepaal word waar hulle versuim om 'n sitting waarmee 'n sessie geopen of afgesluit word, by te woon.

*(Afrikaanse teks deur die Staatspresident geteken.)
(Goedgekeur op 18 Oktober 1966.)*

DAAR WORD BEPAAL deur die Staatspresident, die Senaat en die Volksraad van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, soos volg:—

Wysiging van artikel 2 van Wet 58 van 1961.

1. Artikel 2 van die Wet op die Betaling van Parlementslede, 1961, word hierby gewysig deur na subartikel (1) die volgende subartikels in te voeg:

„(1A) By die toepassing van subartikel (1) word die Parlement, ingeval hy op 'n ander dag as die laaste dag van enige van die twaalf maande in 'n kalenderjaar geprorogeer word, geag in sessie te wees tot die laaste dag van die maand waarin hy aldus geprorogeer word.

(1B) Ondanks enigets in subartikel (1) vervat, maar behoudens die bepalings van subartikel (1C), is 'n lid van enige Huis van die Parlement wat in enige sessie van die Parlement versuim om die eerste of die laaste sitting van daardie Huis by te woon, nie op die sessie- of die resestoelae geregtig nie, maar kan daar aan hom na goed-dunke van en onderworpe aan die voorwaardes bepaal deur die President van die Senaat of die Speaker van die Volksraad (na gelang van die geval) 'n bedrag (as daar is) betaal word wat bedoelde President of Speaker gelas—

(a) in die geval van versuim om die eerste sitting van die betrokke Huis by te woon, ten opsigte van die tydperk wat begin op die datum van daardie sitting en eindig op die dag onmiddellik voorafgaande aan die eerste dag in die betrokke sessie waarop hy 'n sitting van daardie Huis bywoon; en

(b) in die geval van versuim om die laaste sitting van die betrokke Huis by te woon, ten opsigte van die tydperk wat begin op die dag onmiddellik na die datum van die laaste sitting van daardie Huis wat hy werlik bygewoon het en eindig op die laaste dag van die betrokke sessie.

(1C) Waar 'n lid van 'n Huis van die Parlement versuim het om 'n in subartikel (1B) bedoelde sitting by te woon, en—

(a) in die geval van 'n lid van die Senaat, die President van die Senaat; of

(b) in die geval van 'n lid van die Volksraad, die Speaker van die Volksraad,

oortuig is dat die versuim om aldus by te woon te wyte was aan die lid se siekte of 'n ander genoegsame rede, kan bedoelde President of Speaker na goeddunke gelas dat die bepalings van daardie subartikel nie toegepas word nie of slegs ten opsigte van 'n gemelde deel van die in daardie subartikel bedoelde tydperk toegepas word, na gelang hy onder die omstandighede billik as.”

No. 48, 1966.]

ACT

To amend section 2 of the Payment of Members of Parliament Act, 1961, in order to define the duration of a session of Parliament for the purposes of that section, and to provide for the method of determination of the allowances payable to members of Parliament where they fail to attend an opening or a closing sitting in any session.

(Afrikaans text signed by the State President.)
(Assented to 18th October, 1966.)

BE IT ENACTED by the State President, the Senate and the House of Assembly of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

1. Section 2 of the Payment of Members of Parliament Act, 1961, is hereby amended by the insertion after subsection (1) of the following subsections:

Amendment of
section 2 of
Act 58 of 1961.

"(1A) For the purposes of subsection (1) Parliament shall, in the event of its being prorogued on any day other than the last day of any of the twelve months in any calendar year, be deemed to be in session until the last day of the month in which it is so prorogued.

(1B) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (1), but subject to the provisions of subsection (1C), a member of any House of Parliament who in any session of Parliament fails to attend the first or the last sitting of that House, shall not be entitled to the session or the recess allowance, but may in the discretion of and subject to such conditions as may be determined by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Assembly, as the case may be, be paid such an amount, if any, as the said President or Speaker may direct—

(a) in the case of a failure to attend the first sitting of the House in question, in respect of the period commencing on the date of that sitting and ending on the day immediately preceding the first day in the session concerned on which he attends a sitting of that House; and

(b) in the case of a failure to attend the last sitting of the House in question, in respect of the period commencing on the day immediately following the date of the last sitting of that House which he actually attended and ending on the last day of the relevant session.

(1C) Where a member of any House of Parliament has failed to attend any sitting referred to in subsection (1B), and—

(a) in the case of a member of the Senate, the President of the Senate; or

(b) in the case of a member of the House of Assembly, the Speaker of the House of Assembly,

is satisfied that the failure so to attend was due to the illness of the member or some other satisfactory reason, the said President or Speaker may in his discretion direct that the provisions of that subsection shall not be applied or shall be applied only in respect of a specified portion of the period referred to in that subsection, as he may in the circumstances consider equitable.”.

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