Civil Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1925

1925 CHAPTER 2 (15 & 16 Geo. 5)

An Act to enable pensions and gratuities to be granted for meritorious public services. [20th May 1925]

1 Power to grant pensions or gratuities for distinguished services.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland (in this Act referred to as "the Minister") may grant a pension or gratuity on account of meritorious public services rendered by any person—

(a) in any public office in Northern Ireland, as respects service in which no provisions of the enactments for the time being in force relating to superannuation apply; or

(b) to the cause of science, literature, the fine arts or social work and progress in Northern Ireland;

and the Minister may, subject as aforesaid, attach to the grant of any such pension or gratuity such conditions as he may think fit, and may, if he thinks fit, make provision for the payment of the pension or gratuity to trustees on behalf of the person to be benefited thereby.

(2) A pension or gratuity under this Act shall not be granted except to a person who, having rendered meritorious public services to which this Act applies, has attained the age of seventy years or is totally incapacitated from his work or occupation, or to the **[**[F1]surviving spouse or civil partner**]**, children or dependants of a deceased person who has rendered such meritorious public services. The Minister shall in each case have regard to the private means of the person to whom a pension or gratuity is proposed to be, or has been, granted, and may at any time cancel or alter the amount of any pension according as he thinks fit, and may require any such person to furnish him with a statement of means.

(3) One pension or gratuity only, and no more, may be granted to or received by any one person under this Act.

Subs. (4) rep. by 1936 c. 31 (NI)