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An Act to make provision for the payment of an allowance to members of Parliament for the establishment and maintenance of a Constituency Office and for purposes connected thereto. *30 of 1998*

*[Assent 6th August, 1998]
[Commencement 1st October, 1997]*

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Parliamentarians (Constituency Office Allowance) Act, 1998. Short title and commencement

(2) This Act is deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of October, 1997.

2. (1) There shall be paid to every Member of Parliament elected to a constituency in New Providence, Grand Bahama and Bimini an annual allowance specified in Part I of the First Schedule and such allowance shall be used for the establishment and maintenance of a constituency office and for purposes specified in Part I of the Second Schedule. Payment of allowance
Second Schedule

(2) There shall be paid to every Member of Parliament elected to a constituency in a Family Island (other than Grand Bahama and Bimini) an annual allowance specified in Part II of the First Schedule and such an allowance shall be used for the establishment and maintenance of a constituency office, for purposes specified in Part II of the Second Schedule and for carrying out duties in relation to the constituency. First Schedule

(3) No Member of Parliament shall use a constituency office or allow a constituency office to be used for any public political meeting or fund raising activity for any political party.

3. (1) Every Member of Parliament shall keep proper accounts and retain receipts of payments made for the purposes of this Act and such accounts shall be audited annually by the Auditor-General. Accounts and audit

(2) Where any allowance or any portion thereof is used or applied for any purpose other than those specified in section 2, the Member of Parliament shall be liable to pay such sums to the Treasurer.

Payment of
allowances

4. All allowances payable under this Act shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund by equal monthly instalments.

Amendment of
Schedules

5. (1) The Prime Minister may by Order subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Assembly amend the Schedules.

(2) In subsection (1), the expression “subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Assembly” in relation to an Order means that any such Order shall not come into operation until approved by a resolution of the House of Assembly.

FIRST SCHEDULE (Section 2)

PART I

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Allowance</i>
New Providence, (Grand Bahama and Bimini)	\$18,000.00

PART II

Family Islands (other than Grand Bahama and Bimini)	\$18,000.00
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SECOND SCHEDULE (Section 2)

PART I

(NEW PROVIDENCE, GRAND BAHAMA AND BIMINI)

- (a) Rent, upkeep and maintenance
- (b) Salaries, bank charges, national insurance
- (c) Utilities
- (d) Equipment and supplies

PART II
(FAMILY ISLANDS OTHER THAN GRAND BAHAMA
AND BIMINI)

- (a) Rent, upkeep and maintenance
- (b) Salaries, bank charges, national insurance
- (c) Utilities
- (d) Equipment and supplies
- (e) Transportation in a constituency