

***Pension to the Widow/ers of the Presidents of the Senate and the Speaker
of the House***

Act No. 2 of January 4, 2000

To repeal Act No. 82 of May 2, 1941, as amended, in order to eliminate the pension to the widow/ers of the Presidents of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, without impairing the vested rights of widow/ers prior to the date of approval of this Act.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Holding office as a member of the Legislature of Puerto Rico is of a voluntary rather than of obligatory nature. It is undoubtedly of utmost importance for the people of Puerto Rico to have persons of recognized competence and capacity integrated to the service of our people as members of the Legislature. The driving force for a person who aspires to obtain the office as legislator should be a desire to serve the people of Puerto Rico, and not a desire of personal profit.

In order to protect the widows or widowers, and the children of our legislators, Act No. 260 of May 9, 1950, as amended, authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Treasury to pay, from any unencumbered funds in the Commonwealth Treasury the amount corresponding to the salary of one year of said deceased member to the widow or widower, or in their absence, to the minor or disabled children of a deceased member of the, provided that the death occurs during the term for which he/she was elected or appointed.

Act No. 82 of May 2, 1941, as amended, which grants a life pension to the surviving spouse of the President of the Senate or of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and which was legislated fifty-six (56) years ago, at a time when legislators did not receive the salaries and financial benefits that they receive at present, is onerous for the interests of the Government of Puerto Rico.

This Legislature finds that Act No. 82 of May 2, 1941, as amended, should be repealed, without impairing the widow/ers vested rights prior to the date of approval of this Act.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1. — (2 L.P.R.A. §§ 24 and 25 note)

Act No. 82 of May 2, 1941, as amended [2 L.P.R.A. §§ 24 et seq.], is hereby repealed.

Section 2. — (2 L.P.R.A. §§ 24 and 25 note)

This Act shall not impair the vested rights of widow/ers prior to its date of approval.

Section 2. — This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

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