THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL PROVISIONS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ACT, 1969

No. 36

of 1969

AN ACT TO AMEND THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL PROVISIONS LAW, 1966, BY INCLUDING PROVISION FOR THE ASCERTAINMENT OF AGE OF PERSONS AND BY FACILITATING THE SIGNIFICATION OF THE EXERCISE BY THE PRESIDENT OF STATUTORY FUNCTIONS.

Date of Assent: 20.8.69.

Date of Commencement: 22.8.69

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the Interpretation and General Provisions (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1969.

Amendment of Section 27 of Law 13 of 1966

2. Section 27 of the Interpretation and General Provisions Law, 1966 (hereinafter referred to as the principal law) is amended by the deletion of the words "or a Permanent Secretary" appearing therein and by the substitution therefor of the words "a Permanent Secretary or an Administrative Secretary in the Office of the President".

Amendment of heading to Part VI of Law 13 of 1966

3. The heading of Part VI of the principal law is amended by the deletion of "AND DISTANCE" and the substitution of ",DISTANCE AND AGE".

Insertion of Section 43A into Law 13 of 1966

4. The principal law is amended by the insertion after section 43 of the following additional section —

"Ascertainment of Age

43A. Save as may be otherwise expressly provided, whenever by reason of reference in any written law to the age of a living person his age needs to be

ascertained, any authority administering or applying that law shall, in the absence of precise evidence relating thereto, estimate the age of such person by his appearance of from any information, including medical opinion, which may be available, and the age so estimated shall be deemed, until the contrary is proved, to have been correctly ascertained:

Provided that in judicial proceedings any information on which an estimate as aforementioned is based shall be given on oath.".

Passed by the National Assembly   18th August, 1969.

G. T. MATENGE
Clerk of the National Assembly.