

1908.

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AN ACT FOR EXPEDITING THE DECISION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND  
other Legal Questions.

(Assented to

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and  
consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province  
of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Refernce to  
Court auth-  
orized,

1. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may  
refer to the Supreme Court of Alberta, for hearing  
or consideration any matter which he thinks fit to  
refer, and the Court shall thereupon hear or con-  
sider the same.

Court to  
certify  
opinion,

2. The court is to certify to the Lieutenant  
Governor in Council its opinion on the question  
referred with the reasons therefor, which are to  
be given in like manner as in the case of a judg-  
ment in an ordinary action; and any judge who differs  
from the opinion of the majority may in like manner  
certify his opinion with his reasons therefor to the  
Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Notice to  
Attorney  
General  
of Canada,

3. In case the matter relates to the constit-  
utional validity of any Ordinance, or of any Statute  
of the Province, which has heretofore been or shall  
hereafter be passed, or of some provision in any  
such Ordinance or Statute, the Attorney General of  
Canada shall be notified of the hearing in order  
that he may be heard if he sees fit.

Notice to  
persons  
interested,

4. The Court shall have power to direct  
that any person interested, or where there is a  
class of persons interested, any one or more per-  
sons as representatives of such class, shall be

notified of the hearing and such persons shall be entitled to be heard.

Appointment  
of ~~council~~  
to argue case  
for unrepres-  
ented int-  
erests.

5. Where any interest affected is not represented by counsel, the court may in its discretion request counsel to argue the case in such interest, and reasonable expenses thereof shall be paid out of the general revenue fund.

Appeal.

6. The opinion of the court shall be deemed a judgment of the court, and an appeal shall lie therefrom as in the case of a judgment in an action.

~~7. Chapter 11 of the Ordinances of the North-  
West Territories of 1901 is repealed.~~

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No.

3rd SESSION,

First Legislature of Edward VII,

1908.

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Second time.....  
Third time.....

Mr. Cross.

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