

Bill No. 13 of 1946.

A BILL TO PROMOTE THE CULTURAL  
DEVELOPMENT OF ALBERTA

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NOTE.

This Bill enacts new legislation.

Section 3 authorizes the establishment by the Lieutenant Governor in Council of a number of boards for the encouragement of different aspects of the cultural life of the Province as set out generally in the section.

Section 4 deals with the appointment and terms of office of the Board members.

Section 5 deals with procedure.

Section 6 sets out in more detail the functions of the various boards to be established under the Act.

Section 7 provides that no remuneration shall be paid to board members other than out of pocket expenses.

Section 8 has a special provision relating to the board to be constituted to deal with library facilities.

Section 9 provides for an annual report by each board to the Minister, and section 10 provides for the appointment of an officer to be known as Co-ordinator of Cultural Activities whose duties are to be as set out in the section.

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*(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)*

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(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1946.)

**W**HEREAS it is desirable that the utmost encouragement be given to the cultural development of the people of the Province;

Now therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

**1.** This Act may be cited as "*The Cultural Development Act.*"

**2.** In this Act unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Board" means a board constituted under this Act;

(b) "Minister" means the Minister of Economic Affairs.

**3.** The Lieutenant Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister may establish boards, each consisting of not more than seven members, whose functions shall be the encouragement, co-ordination, expansion and development of different aspects of the cultural life of the Province, and in particular, library facilities in both urban and rural districts, music, art, drama, handicrafts and physical recreation.

**4.** The members of each board shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister, and of the members first appointed, a majority designated in the Order in Council shall hold office for a term of two years and the others for a term of three years in the first instance and thereafter all appointments shall be for a period of two years except that in the case of a vacancy occurring on the board otherwise than by effluxion of time, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold office for the balance of the term of the member whose place he is taking.

**5.** Each board shall appoint a chairman and such other officers as it may deem necessary and with the approval of the Minister may make rules and regulations as to the conduct of meetings of the board and the carrying out of its duties and functions.

**6.** Without limiting the generality of the functions of a board as set out in section 3, each board,—

- (a) may carry out surveys, encourage community activities, call public meetings, promote publicity campaigns, carry on its activities in co-operation with or through an established organization or agency, and generally, may do any act or thing having for its purpose the promotion of the field or fields of cultural activity with which it is concerned;
- (b) may raise funds by public subscription to be used in the promotion and advancement of the field of cultural activity upon which it is engaged, and shall cause to be kept a proper record of the funds collected and of all disbursements, which record shall be audited and shall appear in the annual report of the board submitted to the Minister.

**7.** The members of a board shall receive no remuneration for their services but the Minister may authorize the payment of out of pocket expenses incurred by any member of a board in attending meetings of the board or while otherwise engaged in the work of the board, which payments may be made out of the funds of the board or out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose as the Minister may direct.

**8.** On the recommendation of the board which has been constituted to deal with library facilities and of the Minister, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize the payment, out of any moneys appropriated for the purpose by the Legislature, of grants towards the expansion or development of library facilities in any part of the Province.

**9.** Each board shall make an annual report to the Minister on its work, which report shall be made not later than the fifteenth day of December in each year.

**10.** Subject to the provisions of *The Public Service Efficiency Act*, the Lieutenant Governor in council, on the recommendation of the Minister, shall appoint a Co-ordinator of Cultural Activities with the following duties:

- (a) to work with the boards and to render them assistance in carrying out their functions;
- (b) to further the work of the boards by co-ordinating and correlating the activities of various cultural agencies with the policies of the respective boards;
- (c) to maintain contact with the chairman and members of the boards in regard to their work in the various districts;
- (d) to deal with correspondence and inquiries, promote action, and otherwise assist the boards in all matters related to their activities;

(e) generally to supervise and co-ordinate the activities of the boards and to report to the Minister thereon.

**11.** This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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