Bill No. 65 of 1947.

A BILL TO AMEND THE IRRIGATION DISTRICTS ACT

NOTE.

This Bill introduces a new section 57a in the above Act the purpose of which is to authorize the Board of an irrigation district to assess the value of the benefit of water supplied by a district or used for domestic purposes on land either within or without the district. This value may be assessed against the parcel or parcels of land supplied with water for that purpose. "Parcel" is defined in subsection (1). Subsection (3) provides that the Board shall establish a tariff as a basis for estimating the benefit received and may differentiate between persons receiving water for domestic purposes and persons receiving water for both irrigation and domestic purposes. Subsection (4) provides that the charge for domestic purposes shall be a first charge on the parcel assessed with respect to water for domestic purposes, also upon crops.

W. S. GRAY, Legislative Counsel.

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

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An Act to amend The Irrigation Districts Act.

(Assented to

, 1947).

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

- 1. The Irrigation Districts Act, being chapter 98 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended by adding immediately after section 57 thereof the following new section:
- "57a.—(1) For the purposes of this section 'parcel' or 'parcels of land' means and includes land along or contiguous to or through which pass any ditches, canals, spillways, or works of the district, as well as land contiguous to any creeks, sloughs, lakes, or other reservoirs fed by water diverted by means of the undertaking or works of the district.
- "(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of *The Water Resources Act*, the Board may in each year estimate the value of the benefit for domestic purposes of the water supplied to any parcel or parcels of land within or without the district or used by the owner, purchaser, lessee, or occupant thereof, and the value of the benefit of the water so supplied or used shall, subject to the approval of the council, be assessed and charged against the said parcel or parcels and all the provisions of this Act with respect to the assessment, collection or recovery of irrigation rates shall apply thereto.
- "(3) The Board shall establish a tariff which shall be the basis for estimating the benefit accruing to the said parcels respectively and in establishing the tariff may differentiate between and establish different rates for persons receiving water for domestic purposes only and those receiving water for both domestic and irrigation purposes.
- "(4) The charge for domestic purposes shall be a first lien and charge upon each parcel assessed with respect to water for domestic purposes, and upon all crops and other farm produce grown or produced on the parcel, and shall be collectible in the same manner and to the same extent as irrigation rates.
- "(5) The assessment roll in so far as it applies to water for domestic purposes, shall be revised annually or from time to time as circumstances require, and in accordance with the annual assessment."
- 2. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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