

Bill No. 32 of 1948.

A BILL TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL HOSPITALS  
ACT

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NOTE

Section 1 of this Bill amends the definition of "ratepayer" in the Act. Ratepayers as defined get a special rate in a municipal hospital and at present the definition includes "any person liable to deliver a share of the crop as rental on Provincial Government lands in a special area within the (hospital) district". By striking out the words "in a special area", all lessees of Government lands, such as agricultural lessees become "ratepayers" for the purpose of the Act as soon as they become liable to deliver a share of the crop.

Subsection (3) of section 49, which is amended by section 2 of the Bill provides for notice of a vacancy on a hospital board being sent to the proper officer of the municipality concerned. The change is made because the definition of "municipality" does not include an improvement district or special area, while that of "contributing council" does.

Section 3 of the Bill adds a new subsection to section 67 which authorizes the signatures on coupons or debentures to be engraved or lithographed. The debentures themselves must still be signed by the chairman and secretary-treasurer of the district.

Section 4 of the Bill amends section 71 of the Act. The purpose of the amendment is to enable a district to borrow up to three thousand dollars for additional capital expenditure not provided for in the scheme which has been voted upon without the necessity of a vote of the ratepayers. Under the provisions now in force any borrowing in excess of one thousand dollars was required to be submitted to the ratepayers.

Sections 5 and 6 of the Bill amend Forms E and G in the Schedule to the Act dealing with by-law debentures and the debentures themselves. The form of by-law at present is limited to debentures payable in equal annual instalments of principal and interest and other forms are frequently asked by underwriters. The purpose of the amendment is to extend the classes of debentures that may be issued. This change is approved by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners to whom the debentures must be submitted.

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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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An Act to amend The Municipal Hospitals Act.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1948.)

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

**1.** *The Municipal Hospitals Act*, being chapter 185 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended as to section 2 by striking out the words "in a special area" where the same occur in paragraph (1) thereof.

**2.** The said Act is further amended as to section 49 by striking out the words "secretary-treasurer or clerk of the municipality", where the same occur in subsection (3) thereof, and by substituting therefor the words "contributing council".

**3.** The said Act is further amended as to section 67 by adding immediately after subsection (2) thereof the following new subsection:

"(2a) The signatures on the coupons referred to in subsection (2) may be engraved or lithographed."

**4.** The said Act is further amended as to section 71,—

- (a) by striking out the words "If, subsequent to the ratification of the scheme, any additional capital expenditure is proposed and the Minister consents thereto, then in case the same exceeds one thousand dollars in any year, the board shall take a vote", where the same occur in subsection (1) thereof, and by substituting therefor the words "If, subsequent to the ratification of the scheme, any additional capital expenditure in excess of three thousand dollars in any one year is proposed for a purpose not included in the scheme as ratified, the Minister approves of the expenditure, the Board shall take a vote";
- (b) by striking out the words "one thousand dollars", where the same occur in the fourteenth line of subsection (1) thereof, and by substituting therefor the words "three thousand dollars".

**5.** The said Act is further amended as to Form E in the Schedule by striking out the words "equal consecutive

annual instalments of combined principal and interest at not more than eight per cent per annum", wherever the same occur therein, and by substituting therefor the words "consecutive annual instalments with interest at not more than six per cent per annum".

**6.** The said Act is further amended as to Form G in the Schedule by striking out the word "equal" where the same occurs therein.

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

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