

Bill No. 20 of 1949.

A BILL RESPECTING THE SELECTION AND
APPROVAL OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES
IN ALBERTA

NOTE.

This Bill enacts a new Act to be known as "*The Geographical Names Act*".

The Act provides for the appointment of a Board consisting of the Director of Surveys for the Province, the Provincial Librarian, and not more than three other members who may be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to be known as the "Geographical Names Board of Alberta". The Board is required to gather, collate and record information respecting the names of places and other geographical features within the Province. The Board consults with and advises government departments, municipalities, railway companies and other bodies or persons concerned with the selection of place names regarding the suitability of proposed names for new townsites, post offices, railway stations, etc. The Board is required to try to eliminate alternative or duplicated names and to establish correct or preferred spellings of established names. It will also supply information regarding geographical names to government departments, cartographers, publishers, etc.

All names of places and other geographical features within the Province which are approved by the Geographical Names Board of Alberta and the Canadian Board on Geographical Names are declared to be the duly authorized names for all official and legal purposes, and all other alternative names shall have no official or legal status. The official name becomes effective upon the publication of a notice in *The Alberta Gazette*.

Members of the Board serve without remuneration but may be paid subsistence allowances and travelling expenses incurred in attending Board meetings and in the execution of their duties as Board members.

The Act requires the Board to prepare annually a report for the Minister.

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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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No. 20 of 1949.

An Act Respecting the Selection and Approval of
Geographical Names in Alberta.

(Assented to _____, 1949.)

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

SHORT TITLE.

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Geographical Names Act*".

INTERPRETATION.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
- (a) "Board" means the Geographical Names Board of Alberta appointed under the authority of this Act;
 - (b) "Minister" means the Minister of Economic Affairs.

GENERAL.

3.—(1) There shall be a Board to be known as the Geographical Names Board of Alberta which shall consist of the Director of Surveys for the Province, the Provincial Librarian, and not more than three other members who may be appointed from time to time by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) The Provincial Librarian shall act as Secretary to the Board.

4. The Board shall,—
- (a) gather, collate, and record information respecting nomenclature of places and other geographical features within the Province.
 - (b) consult with and advise government departments, municipalities, railway companies and other bodies or persons concerned with the selection of place names regarding the suitability of proposed names for new townsites, post offices, railway stations, municipal and school districts, and other geographical features;
 - (c) consider and make recommendations regarding any proposed change in nomenclature of any place or

other geographical feature already in use which may be duplicated by or similar to any name or names established elsewhere or which for any other reason may be deemed or represented to be inappropriate to the place or geographical feature to which it is applied;

- (d) collaborate with the Canadian Board on Geographical Names with respect to the selection of new geographical names, the elimination of alternative or duplicated names, the correct or preferred spelling of established names and such other matters in respect to geographical names as may be of concern to either Board;
- (e) supply information regarding geographical names to government departments, cartographers, publishers, and any other persons or bodies engaged in the preparation of maps or other publications intended for official or public use.

5. All names of places and other geographical features within the Province which,—

- (a) prior to the passing of this Act have been approved by the Canadian Board on Geographical Names; or
- (b) after the passing of this Act are approved by the Geographical Names Board of Alberta and the Canadian Board on Geographical Names;

are hereby declared to be duly authorized names for all official and legal purposes, and any other names which may be applied to such places or other geographical features shall have no official or legal status.

6. The name of any place or other geographical feature within the Province shall be deemed to be approved by the Geographical Names Board of Alberta and the Canadian Board on Geographical Names, pursuant to the provisions of section 5, upon the publication of a notice in *The Alberta Gazette* signed by the secretary of the Board setting out the name or names approved, and the location of the place or other geographical feature to which each name applies.

7.—(1) Members of the Board shall receive no remuneration for their services, but the Lieutenant Governor in Council may from time to time by regulation authorize the payment of such subsistence allowances, travelling expenses and other expenses as may be deemed proper and expedient in connection with the attendance of members of the Board at Board meetings or their duties while otherwise engaged in the work of the Board.

(2) All payments authorized by this section to the members of the Board shall be made out of the funds of the Board, or out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

8. The Board shall prepare annually and shall present to the Minister on or before the thirty-first day of January in each year, a report of its proceedings during the last preceding calendar year.

9. This Act shall come into force on the first day of April, 1949.

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HON. MR. HOOKE.
