

Bill No. 82 of 1949.

A BILL TO AMEND THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
ACT.

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NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Legislative Assembly Act*, being chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

Section 10 (2) is amended by substituting a reference to the new Minister of Lands and Forests and Minister of Mines and Minerals for the former reference to the Minister of Lands and Mines and by adding references to the Minister of Public Welfare, Minister of Industries and Labour and the Minister of Economic Affairs.

Section 11 (2) and (3) are each amended to delete references to the Alberta Government Insurance Office which has now been replaced by the Alberta General Insurance Company and The Life Insurance Company of Alberta.

Section 11 (2) is also amended by adding a reference to persons in receipt of an old age pension. Persons who receive public money from the Government or any Department for goods or services supplied under any contract with the Government are not eligible to sit in the Legislative Assembly, with certain exceptions. This amendment creates a further exception so that a person who renders medical or health services or sells goods to an old age pensioner is not thereby disqualified from sitting in the Legislative Assembly.

Section 54 which provides for the allowances paid to members of the Legislature as sessional indemnity and expenses is struck out and a new section is substituted. The section presently provides for a sessional indemnity of one thousand four hundred dollars for members of the Assembly, other than members of the Executive Council who receive one thousand two hundred dollars. The amendment increases the sessional indemnity for all members including the Executive Council, to two thousand dollars. The allowance for expenses is similarly increased for all members from six hundred dollars to one thousand dollars.

For absence in excess of five days the daily deductions from these allowances are increased to fourteen dollars per day from the sessional indemnity allowance and to seven dollars per day from the expense allowance. Similarly, when a member attends less than half the days in any session his daily allowance for the days of his attendance is increased from ten to fourteen dollars per day as sessional indemnity allowance and to seven dollars per day as an expense allowance.

Where a member is absent as a result of illness he continues to receive his sessional indemnity allowance and his expense allowance as though he were present.

Subsection (3) of section 54 provides for an increase of five hundred dollars in the annual compensation payable to the President of the Executive Council and for an increase of one thousand dollars in the annual compensation payable to each other member of the Executive Council.

Section 55 is amended to provide for advances on account of sessional indemnity and expenses at the new rate, namely, fourteen dollars per day for sessional indemnity and seven dollars per day for expenses.

Section 56 is amended. This section deals with the allowances payable to members who are elected after the commencement of a session or cease to be members during a session. This section is similarly amended to provide that deductions from the allowances for days of absence are at the rate of fourteen dollars per day from the sessional indemnity allowance and at the rate of seven dollars per day from the expense allowance.

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

# BILL

No. 82 of 1949.

An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1949.)

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

**1.** *The Legislative Assembly Act*, being chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended as to section 10 by striking out the words "Minister of Lands and Mines", where they occur in subsection (2), and by substituting the words "Minister of Lands and Forests, Minister of Mines and Minerals, Minister of Public Welfare, Minister of Industries and Labour, Minister of Economic Affairs".

**2.** The said Act is further amended as to section 11,—

- (a) by striking out the words "Alberta Government Insurance Office", where they occur in subsection (2), and by substituting the words "Alberta General Insurance Company or The Life Insurance Company of Alberta";
- (b) by adding immediately after the words "receipt of", where they occur in subsection (2), the words "an old age pension or";
- (c) by striking out the words "Government Insurance Office", where they occur in subsection (3), and by substituting the words "Alberta General Insurance Company".

**3.** The said Act is further amended as to section 54 by striking out the same and by substituting the following:

"**54.**—(1) In respect of each session of the Legislature which is first held in any year there shall be allowed and payable to each member of the Legislative Assembly attending such session an allowance of two thousand dollars as a sessional indemnity, together with an allowance of one thousand dollars for expenses incidental to the discharge of his duties as a member.

"(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1),—

- "(a) deductions shall be made at the rate of fourteen dollars per day from the sessional indemnity allowance of two thousand dollars, and at the rate of seven dollars per day from the expense allowance of one thousand dollars, for each day in excess of five days on which a sitting of the Assembly is held and on

which the member does not attend such sitting or a meeting of some committee thereof, except where illness certified by a qualified medical practitioner is the cause of the absence;

“(b) the total sessional allowances of a member who does not attend sittings of the Assembly or meetings of some committee thereof on at least one-half of the total number of sitting days in any session shall be fourteen dollars per day as a sessional indemnity allowance and seven dollars per day as an expense allowance for each day of attendance except where illness certified by a qualified medical practitioner is the cause of the absence, or except in the cases provided for in section 56;

“(c) where illness certified by a qualified medical practitioner is the cause of the absence of a member from a sitting of the Assembly or a meeting of some committee thereof for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b) the member shall be deemed to have been present during each day of his illness in computing his sessional indemnity allowance and his expense allowance.

“(3) In each session of the Legislature held in any year after the first session held in that year there shall be allowed and paid to each member of the Legislative Assembly in attendance thereat, other than members of the Executive Council, an allowance of fourteen dollars per day as sessional indemnity and an allowance of seven dollars per day for expenses for any period not in excess of ten days during which such member attends the sittings of the Legislative Assembly or a meeting of some committee thereof.

“(4) The annual compensation to be paid to the President of the Executive Council shall be nine thousand dollars and the annual compensation to be paid to each other member of the Executive Council shall be seven thousand dollars.”.

**4.** The said Act is further amended as to section 55 by striking out the words “ten dollars for each day’s attendance as aforesaid,” and by substituting the words “fourteen dollars per day on account of the sessional indemnity allowance and seven dollars per day on account of the expense allowance for each day’s attendance as aforesaid”.

**5.** The said Act is further amended as to section 56 by striking out the words “allowance subject to a deduction of ten dollars per day”, and by substituting the words “allowances subject to a deduction at the rate of fourteen dollars per day from the sessional indemnity allowance and the rate of seven dollars per day from the expense allowance”.

**6.** This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to, and upon so coming into force shall be deemed to have been in force at all times on and after the first day of January, 1949.

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