

Bill No. 84 of 1949.

A BILL TO AMEND THE COAL BRANCH HOSPITAL  
DISTRICT ACT.

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NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Coal Branch Hospital District Act*, being chapter 17 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1945.

Section 2 (g), which defines the term "ratepayer", is amended. The amendment includes within the definition a person deemed to be a ratepayer within the meaning of section 13 of *The Improvement Districts Act, 1947*. This includes a person who is the owner of improvements situate on land of which he is not the owner if such person pays to the assessed owner an amount equivalent to the taxes levied against the assessed owner with respect to the improvements. In such case he is deemed to have paid improvement district taxes and to be a ratepayer for the purposes of this hospital district.

Section 3 is struck out and two new sections are substituted.

The new section 3 provides that twenty-five per cent of the residents of any township within improvement district number 79 may present a petition to the Minister for the establishment of a hospital district.

The new section 3a provides that the minister in his discretion may establish the district as outlined in the petition or as outlined and varied by him and may determine its area and do such other things as he may deem advisable in connection with its establishment. The Minister also fixes and allocates the number of members of the board for the district.

Section 4 is amended by striking out subsection (4). This subsection required the board to consist of five members and it is now replaced by the provision providing that the Minister may fix the number of members of the board.

Section 5 is struck out. This required the district to be divided into wards.

Certain words at the end of section 6 are struck out relating to members representing wards. As the mandatory provision requiring wards has been struck out this reference to representation of wards is now unnecessary.

The reference to improvement district number 466 which occurs in various sections throughout the Act is changed in

every case to refer to improvement district number 79. The same area of land is involved but the number of the improvement district has been changed since this Act was first passed in 1945.

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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 Coal Branch Hospital District Act.

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

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

**1.** *The Coal Branch Hospital District Act*, being chapter 17 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1945, is hereby amended as to section 2 by adding immediately at the end of paragraph (g) the words "and includes any person deemed to be a ratepayer within the meaning of section 13 of *The Improvement Districts Act, 1947*".

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

**"3.—**(1) Twenty-five per cent of the residents of any township within improvement district number 79 may present a petition to the Minister for the establishment of a hospital district as described in the petition or petitions.

**"(2)** Upon receipt of the petition or petitions the Minister may add to the district proposed therein any other part of the improvement district and may otherwise vary the area to be included in the proposed district without invalidating in any way the petitions or any of them and without rendering it necessary to obtain any further petition or petitions."

**3.** The said Act is further amended by adding immediately after section 3 the following new section:

**"3a.—**(1) The Minister in his discretion may establish the district as outlined in the petition or petitions or as so outlined and varied by him and may determine its area and do such other things as he may deem advisable.

**"(2)** Any order of the Minister establishing a district shall be published in *The Alberta Gazette* in the next following issue thereof, or in such other issue as the Minister may direct, and the publication of the order shall be conclusive evidence that the district described in the order has been duly established in conformity with the provisions of this Act.

**"(3)** Upon the establishment of the hospital district the Minister shall fix and allocate the number of members of the board for the district."

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

- (a) by striking out the words “hereinafter provided for”, where they occur in subsection (1);
- (b) by striking out subsection (4).

5. The said Act is further amended as to section 5 by striking out the same.

6. The said Act is further amended as to section 6 by striking out the words “consisting of five members, three of whom shall represent the contract holders of each ward respectively, and two of whom shall represent the ratepayers throughout the district”.

7. The said Act is further amended by striking out the words and figures “improvement district number 466”, wherever they occur throughout the Act, and by substituting the words and figures “improvement district number 79”.

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

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