

Bill No. 30 of 1951.

A BILL TO AMEND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Public Utilities Act*, being chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1942.

Section 111 is amended by repealing subsection (2). This subsection confers jurisdiction upon the Board to hear assessment appeals in any area where the financial affairs are under the supervision of the Board by reason of an order made under Part V of the Act. This gave the Board complete jurisdiction over defaulting municipalities. However, it appears advisable that assessment appeals in such areas should be dealt with in the same manner as assessment appeals in other areas throughout the Province. By repealing the subsection assessment appeals will be directed to the Alberta Assessment Commission which will lead to greater uniformity in assessments and in assessment procedure throughout the Province.

Section 115 is amended. This section deals with the issue of refunding debentures ordered by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners in the case of a local authority which has defaulted with its debentures. The section now requires that such refunding debentures be sealed with the seal of the Department of Municipal Affairs. Such refunding debentures may be school debentures as well as municipal debentures so it appears advisable that they should be sealed by the seal of the Board of Public Utility Commissioners which orders and approves the debentures rather than by the seal of the Department of Municipal Affairs. The amendment enables the Board's seal to be used.

This Bill comes into force on the 1st day of July, 1951.

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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. 30 of 1951.

An Act to amend The Public Utilities Act.

(Assented to _____, 1951.)

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

1. *The Public Utilities Act*, being chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended.

2. Subsection (2) of section 111 is struck out.

Section 111
amended

3. Section 115 is amended by striking out the words "the Minister of Municipal Affairs may cause the same to be sealed with the seal of his Department and such" and by substituting the words "the chairman or a member of the Board shall sign the same and affix the seal of the Board thereto, and such signature and".

Section 115
amended

4. This Act shall come into force on the first day of July, 1951.

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HON. MR. GERHART.
