

Bill No. 54 of 1951.

A BILL TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL
HOSPITALS ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Municipal Hospitals Act*, being chapter 185 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

Section 2, clause (1) is amended and a new section 11a is added immediately after section 11. It was the intention of the Act that a person liable to deliver a share of the crop as rental on provincial government lands should be entitled to the benefits conferred on a hospital supporter by this Act. For this purpose the word "ratepayer" was defined as including such a person. However, defining such a person as a ratepayer has led to difficulties in the application of certain sections of the Act which were intended to apply solely to ratepayers in the ordinary sense and not to persons liable to deliver a crop share. Accordingly, the reference to these persons is being deleted from the definition of the term "ratepayer". The new section 11a specifically provides that the person liable to deliver a share of the crop as rental on provincial government lands is entitled to the benefits conferred on a hospital supporter by this Act.

Section 10, subsection (3) and section 51, subsection (16) are amended to increase the payments to board members for attendance at meetings. The amendment authorizes the chairman to be paid ten dollars per day and each board member to be paid eight dollars per day.

Section 35, subsection (1) is struck out and three new subsections are substituted. This section deals with election of board members in an improvement district or in a municipality in which an administrator is substituted for the council. This subsection presently provides for the election of board members in such a district by the holding of election meetings. The effect of the amendment is to allow the Minister to follow an alternative procedure. The Minister may now provide for the appointment of a returning officer and the holding of a poll in the ordinary way in any case where he thinks this is preferable to the holding of election meetings.

Form D in the Schedule is amended by making a change in the Form to correspond with a change in the Act that was made in 1948 and overlooked in the Form at that time.

The Bill comes into force upon assent.

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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. 54 of 1951.

An Act to amend The Municipal Hospitals 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 Municipal Hospitals Act*, being chapter 185 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended.

Section 2
amended

2. Section 2, clause (l) is amended by striking out the words "or any person liable to deliver a share of the crop as rental on Provincial Government lands within the district".

Section 10
amended

3. Section 10, subsection (3) is amended by striking out the words "six dollars each per day" and by substituting the words "ten dollars per day for the hospital board chairman and eight dollars per day for each board member".

New
section 11a

4. The following new section 11a is added immediately after section 11:

Persons
entitled to
benefits

"**11a.** Any person liable to deliver a share of the crop as rental on provincial government lands and the spouse, dependent family and domestic female help of such person shall be entitled to the benefits conferred on a hospital supporter by this Act without the payment of a minimum tax."

Section 35
amended

5. Section 35 is amended by striking out subsection (1) and by substituting the following:

Division of
improvement
districts
and
municipalities
into
wards

"**35.** (1) In any improvement district or in any municipality in which an administrator appointed pursuant to *The Department of Municipal Affairs Act* is substituted for the council thereof, or in any part of any such improvement district or municipality included in a hospital district, the Minister by order may,—

"(a) divide the area composed of such improvement districts and municipalities into wards and direct that meetings be held of all persons entitled to vote;
or

"(b) provide for the submission of nominations to the secretary-treasurer of the hospital district, the appointment of a returning officer and the holding of a poll.

Persons
entitled to
vote

“(1a) The persons entitled to vote at a meeting or at a poll shall be all persons who subscribe to either of the declarations set out in Form D in the Schedule.

Poll to elect
representa-
tives

“(1b) The meeting or meetings or the poll or polls shall be held at such time or times and at such place or places and in such manner as the Minister may direct for the purpose of electing in such manner such number of persons as the Minister may direct to represent the ward, municipality, improvement district or part thereof included in the hospital district, as the case may be, upon the board of the hospital district.”.

Section 51
amended

6. Section 51, subsection (16) is amended by striking out the words “six dollars each per day” and by substituting the words “ten dollars per day for the hospital board chairman and eight dollars per day for each board member”.

Schedule
amended

7. Form D in the Schedule is amended by striking out the words “therein which are included in a special area”, where they occur in each of the two Forms, and by substituting the words “within the district”.

Coming
into force

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

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Hospitals Act.

Received and read the

First time

Second time

Third time

HON. DR. CROSS.
