

Bill No. 73 of 1952.

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ALBERTA ACADEMY.

NOTE.

This Bill enacts a new Act to be known as "*The Alberta Academy Act*".

The object of the Act is to encourage cultural development in Alberta by creating an Academy which will give honour and recognition to creative achievement in the arts or humanities by electing worthy persons to membership in the Academy.

The Alberta Academy will consist of two classes of persons, namely, those who are appointed as electors of the Academy and those who are elected as members of the Academy.

The electors of the Academy will be appointed by a group of persons to be known as the Arts Executive. The Arts Executive consists of the chairmen of the various boards appointed under *The Cultural Development Act*, including the Drama Board, the Music Board, the Library Board, etc. The Arts Executive will appoint as electors of the Academy persons who have made a creative or interpretative contribution to the arts or humanities, or who have made an outstanding effort on behalf of any cultural activity or programme. Any number of persons may be appointed as electors.

The members of the Academy will be elected by the electors. A person who has created a work of significant cultural achievement in Alberta is eligible for election.

The Alberta Academy will be administered by the Arts Executive who are empowered to receive gifts, donations and bequests and it administers the money and property, both real and personal, belonging to the Academy. It may disburse scholarships to encourage interest in or the study of the arts and humanities and may make grants to assist in the development of cultural programmes.

The members of the Arts Executive of the Academy receive no remuneration but there is provision for the payment of certain of their expenses incurred in attending meetings, etc., out of funds appropriated for the purpose by the Legislature. There is similar provision for payment of certain of the expenses in connection with the election of members of the Academy.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council is empowered to make regulations to facilitate the carrying out of the provisions of the Act.

This Bill comes into force on July 1st, 1952.

J. W. RYAN,
Acting Legislative Counsel.

(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 Create the Alberta Academy.

(Assented to _____, 1952.)

HER 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 Alberta Academy Act*". Short title

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— Interpreta-
tion
- (a) "Academy" means the Alberta Academy constituted pursuant to this Act; "Academy"
 - (b) "board" means a board constituted pursuant to *The Cultural Development Act*; "board"
 - (c) "cultural organization" means an organized group engaged in the promotion of any cultural activity; "cultural
organiza-
tion"
 - (d) "elector" means an elector of the Alberta Academy appointed pursuant to this Act. "elector"

Object of Act.

3. The object of the Act is to encourage cultural develop- Object of
Actment in Alberta by creating an Academy which will give recognition and honour to significant achievement in the arts or humanities by electing worthy persons to membership in the Academy.

Constitution of Academy.

4. The Alberta Academy shall consist of,— Constitution
of Academy
- (a) those persons who are appointed as electors of the Academy; and
 - (b) those persons who are elected as members of the Academy;
- in the manner hereinafter set out.

Appointment of Electors.

5. The electors of the Academy shall be appointed by the Appointment
of electors Arts Executive.

Arts
Executive

- 6.** (1) The Arts Executive shall consist of,—
- (a) the chairman of the Alberta Visual Arts Board;
 - (b) the chairman of the Alberta Drama Board;
 - (c) the chairman of the Alberta Music Board;
 - (d) the chairman of the Alberta Library Board;
 - (e) the chairmen of such other boards as may be constituted from time to time under *The Cultural Development Act*;
 - (f) the Co-ordinator of Cultural Activities.

(2) The Arts Executive at its first meeting in each year shall elect one of its members as chairman.

(3) The Co-ordinator of Cultural Activities shall be secretary of the Arts Executive.

Persons
eligible
as elector

7. A person who has made in Alberta,—

- (a) a creative or interpretative contribution to the arts or humanities; or
- (b) an outstanding effort on behalf of or in connection with any cultural activity or programme;

is eligible for appointment by the Arts Executive as an elector of the Academy.

Recom-
mendation
for
appointment
as elector

8. (1) Any board or any cultural organization may submit to the Arts Executive a recommendation for the appointment of any person as an elector who, in the opinion of the board or the organization, is eligible under section 7.

(2) The recommendation shall be in writing and shall set out the particulars that, in the opinion of the board or the organization, would warrant the appointment being made.

Appointment
of elector

9. (1) The Arts Executive, in its discretion, may appoint any person recommended under section 8 as an elector.

(2) The Arts Executive shall publish in *The Alberta Gazette* the name of each person appointed as an elector and the appointment shall be effective on the date of publication.

(3) There is no limit on the number of persons who may be appointed as electors.

Election of Members.

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members

10. The electors and members of the board shall elect the members of the Academy.

Persons
eligible as
members

11. Any person who has made an outstanding contribution in Alberta to the arts or humanities is eligible for election by the electors as a member of the Academy.

12. (1) Any elector, board or cultural organization may submit to the Arts Executive the nomination of any person considered eligible under section 11. Nomination of member

(2) The nomination shall be in writing and shall set out the particulars of the cultural achievement of the nominee.

13. The Arts Executive,— Arts Executive,—

- (a) shall consider all nominations received; shall consider nominations
- (b) may reject the nomination of any person who, in its opinion, is not eligible under section 11; may reject nomination
- (c) may direct the Co-ordinator of Cultural Activities to submit any nomination to the electors and act as returning officer for the election. may direct election

14. The returning officer shall mail to the last known address of each elector and board member,— Duties of returning officer

- (a) a statement setting out,—
 - (i) the name of the nominee;
 - (ii) particulars of his creative cultural achievement; and
 - (iii) the date on which the ballots will be counted;
- (b) a ballot paper bearing the name of the nominee on which the elector can indicate his vote either for or against the election of the nominee as a member of the Academy;
- (c) an addressed return envelope bearing the words "Academy Ballot" on the exterior.

15. On the date fixed for the counting of the ballots and in the presence of such scrutineers as the Arts Executive may appoint, the returning officer shall open all envelopes he has received bearing the words "Academy Ballot" and shall count the ballots contained therein. Counting of ballots

16. If seventy-five per cent of the electors whose ballots are received vote in favour of the election of the nominee the returning officer shall,— Declaration of election as member

- (a) declare the nominee to be elected as a member of the Alberta Academy; and
- (b) publish in *The Alberta Gazette* the name of the person so elected.

Arts Executive.

17. The Arts Executive, on behalf of the Academy,— Arts Executive

- (a) may receive gifts, donations, bequests and devises; may receive gifts, etc.
- (b) shall administer the money and property, both real and personal, of the Academy and may sell, dispose of or otherwise realize on such property; shall administer money and property of Academy

may disburse bursaries, etc.

(c) may disburse bursaries, scholarships and fellowships to encourage interest in or study of the arts and humanities;

may make grants to assist cultural development

(d) may make grants to assist in the development of cultural programmes.

General.

Ineligibility of board member

18. (1) No person, while serving as a member of a board, shall be eligible to be appointed as an elector or elected as a member of the Academy.

(2) A person who is an elector or member of the Academy is not disqualified from appointment as a member of a board.

Payment of subsistence allowances, etc.

19. (1) The members of the Arts Executive shall receive no remuneration for their services but the Lieutenant Governor in Council, from time to time by regulation, may 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 at meetings of the Arts Executive or at their duties while otherwise engaged in the work of the Arts Executive.

Appropriation

(2) The payments authorized by subsection (1) shall be paid out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

Expenses of Co-ordinator

20. The expenses incurred by the Co-ordinator of Cultural Activities in connection with his duties,—

(a) as secretary of the Arts Executive; and

(b) as returning officer for the election of members of the Academy;

shall be paid out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

Regulations

21. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make such regulations from time to time as may be deemed advisable or expedient to facilitate the carrying out of the provisions of this Act according to their true intent.

Coming into force

22. This Act shall come into force on the first day of July, 1952.

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Academy.

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First time

Second time.....

Third time.....

HON. MR. HOOKE.
