Bill No. 56 of 1954

A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE ALBERTA FREIGHT RATE BUREAU

Note

This Bill enacts a new Act to be known as "The Alberta Freight Bureau Act".

It authorizes the setting up of a branch of the Provincial Government to act as a freight rate bureau. The Freight Bureau will inform itself of all aspects of freight rates and charges in Canada and elsewhere. It will assist groups in the Province and Alberta public generally in efforts to secure and maintain rates that are fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the people of Alberta.

The Bureau will be managed by a director who will be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. An advisory council as well as advisory committees can be appointed to assist the work of the Bureau by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The expenses of the Bureau will be met out of sums appropriated for it by the Legislative Assembly or out of the General Revenue Fund in the absence of an appropriation.

The Lieutenant Governor is empowered to prescribe the duties of the advisory council and committees and to make regulations for the efficient operation of this Act according to its intent.

This Bill comes into force upon assent.

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 establish The Alberta Freight Rate Bureau

(Assented to , 1954)

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 Freight Bureau Act".

Interpretation "Bureau"

"director"

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (a) "Bureau" means the Alberta Freight Bureau constituted by this Act;
- (b) "director" means the director appointed pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

Alberta Freight Bureau **3.** (1) There shall be a branch of the Public Service of the Province which shall be known as the Alberta Freight Bureau.

(2) The Bureau shall be attached to and form part of such Department of the Public Service as may be prescribed from time to time by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Daties of Bureau

- **4.** The Bureau shall
 - (a) inform itself and keep itself informed concerning all aspects of freight rates and charges in Canada and elsewhere particularly as such rates and charges affect or might affect the people of the Province or of any part thereof,
 - (b) assist municipalities, farm organizations, boards of trade, chambers of commerce, trade organizations and the people of the Province generally in securing and maintaining for the transportation of goods, rates and charges that are just, fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the producers, processors, manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers and consumers of Alberta or of any part thereof,
 - (c) for such purpose do all things necessary and make from time to time such inquiries and investigations into any matter concerning or affecting the charges for the transportation of goods in, to or from Alberta as the Bureau deems proper, and

(d) perform such further or other duties as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may assign to it.

5. (1) The Bureau shall be under the management and Director control of a director who shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) The director shall receive such remuneration as is fixed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and may hold office during the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

6. Subject to The Public Service Act, 1947, the director Powers of director may

- (a) appoint such officers, servants and employees as the director deems necessary for the carrying out of the duties of the Bureau or for the transaction of its business and prescribe their duties, conditions of employment and remuneration,
- (b) with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council obtain the services of such accountants, economists, rate experts and other professional persons as the director deems necessary for the carrying out of the duties of the Bureau or for the proper and convenient transaction of its business.

7. (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint Advisory an advisory council and may from time to time appoint a committee or committees to assist the Bureau in an advisory capacity.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may prescribe the duties of the advisory council and of any committee appointed under subsection (1).

(3) The Bureau may out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose pay reasonable travelling expenses of members of the advisory council or any committee appointed under subsection (1) while such members are engaged on the work of the Bureau.

8. Any moneys required for the administration of this Appropria-Act or for carrying out any of the provisions hereof shall be paid out of such money as is appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for the purpose, and in the absence of any vote of the Legislative Assembly available therefor, shall be paid out of the General Revenue Fund.

9. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regula- Regulations tions for the efficient enforcement and operation of this Act and for carrying out the provisions thereof according to their true intent and meaning.

10. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it Coming into force is assented to.

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