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## **BILL 34**

A Bill to amend The Health Unit Act

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## **Explanatory Note**

**2.** A board member is not to be an employee of the board in any capacity.

**3.** This amendment will relate the "first meeting" in any year to that one which first follows the municipal elections, rather than the first meeting in a new year, also the reference to the office of the secretary-treasurer is removed as the reference here suggests that it is a board member's office. Section 8(1) reads:

"8. (1) The board, at its first meeting in each year, shall elect one of its number as chairman and appoint a secretary-treasurer."

**4.** This amendment will give recognition to the secretary-treasurer as a staff member and to the unit medical officer. Cf. Public Health Act (R.S.A. 1955, c. 255, s. 32(2)) and local medical officers of local boards of health. Section 9 reads:

"9. The board shall

- (a) provide the office accommodation and equipment required for the work of the unit,
- (b) determine the location of the office or offices for the staff,
- (c) appoint the staff,
- (d) appoint a member of the staff to be a supervisor of the work of the staff,
- (e) provide transportation for the staff,
- (f) draft a schedule of services to be provided by the health unit under the provisions of this Act, and
- (g) do all things necessary to administer the health unit and to provide the services contained in the schedule in accordance with this Act."

# BILL

No. 34 of 1960

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(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1960)

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

**1.** *The Health Unit Act*, being chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended.

**2.** Section 6 is amended by adding immediately after subsection (3) the following:

(4) A board shall not employ the services of a board member in any capacity for remuneration or reward.

**3.** Section 8 is amended by striking out subsection (1) and by substituting the following:

**8.** (1) In each year the board shall, at its first meeting following the municipal elections for the contributing councils, elect one of its members as chairman.

**4.** Section 9 is amended

- (a) by renumbering the section as subsection (1),
- (b) by striking out clauses (c) and (d) of the renumbered subsection (1) and by substituting the following:
  - (c) appoint a secretary-treasurer and such staff as may be required,
  - (d) appoint a medical officer for the unit,
- (c) by adding immediately after the renumbered subsection (1) the following:

(2) The medical officer for the unit is the director of the health unit and shall, in the intervals between the meetings of the board, exercise the authority and perform the duties of the board with respect to the administration of the health unit.

(3) The board shall appoint a member of the nursing staff of the health unit to be supervisor who shall assume the duties of the medical officer of the unit when the medical officer is not available and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to the supervisor by the board or the medical officer.

**5.** (1) By this amendment all public health grants to municipalities will be authorized under The Health Unit Act, including the grants to the major cities of Calgary and Edmonton, which presently receive grants not under that Act but under The Public Health Act. As a result of this change, the grant authorization provisions in The Public Health Act are repealed. (See sections 34 to 38 of that Act at the end of these notes.)

**6. Commencement.**

Sections 34 to 38 of The Public Health Act (R.S.A. 1955, c. 255) which are being repealed read as follows:

"34. The Minister may pay to the council of a city having a population in excess of thirty thousand a grant to assist it to provide public health services for its residents.

35. (1) The extent of the public health staff employed by the city council in respect of the salaries of which the grant may be calculated is

- (a) one medical officer for each seventy-five thousand of population or major portion thereof,
- (b) one public health nurse for each twelve thousand of population or major portion thereof,
- (c) one sanitary inspector for each thirty thousand of population or major portion thereof, and
- (d) one clerk for each thirty thousand of population or major portion thereof.

(2) For the purpose of calculating the grant, the salary of each member of a city public health staff designated in subsection (1) shall be deemed to be the salary recommended by the salary survey committee of the Province and approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(3) The amount of the grant to the council of the city

- (a) shall not exceed sixty per cent of the salaries approved under subsection (2) of those members of the city public health staff designated in subsection (1), and
- (b) shall be approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(4) In the calculation of grants the population figures to be used shall be the figures shown on the latest census of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics or on the annual census taken under The Municipalities Assistance Act and approved by the Department of Municipal Affairs in the calendar year preceding that in which the fiscal year begins.

36. The council of a city may employ a public health staff in excess of that designated in subsection (1) of section 35 and may pay salaries in excess of those approved under subsection (2) of section 35, but such excess staff and such excess salaries shall not be considered in calculating the amount of the grant.

37. (1) In addition to the grant authorized by sections 34 and 35, the Minister may allot to the council of a city that has a population of fifty thousand or over and is providing public health services for its people, a portion of any public health grant from the Government of Canada and available for allotment by him, in order to assist in the extension of such services as are approved by the Provincial Board and for which no provincial grant is paid.

(2) The grant allotted shall not exceed sixty per cent of the cost of the extension of the public health services.

38. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make such regulations as are considered necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 34 to 37."

**5.** (1) The following section is added immediately after section 18*a*:

**18*b*.** (1) In this section "city" means a city having a population in excess of one hundred thousand.

(2) Where the Minister is of the opinion that a satisfactory public health service is being provided within a city and the city supplies to him an annual report showing the public health work undertaken within the city together with a financial statement showing the cost thereof, the Minister may pay, out of the moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, an annual grant to the city.

(3) A grant payable under this section shall be based on the population of the city as shown in the latest census of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics or as shown in the annual census taken under *The Municipalities Assistance Act* and approved by the Department of Municipal Affairs in the calendar year preceding that in which the fiscal year begins.

(4) The grants shall be calculated and paid as follows:

- (*a*) for general public health purposes, at the rate of fifty cents per person resident in the city;
- (*b*) for dental health services, at the rate of ten cents per person resident in the city.

(2) Sections 34 to 38 of *The Public Health Act*, being chapter 255 of the Revised Statutes, are hereby repealed.

**6.** This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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