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BILL 37

A Bill to enable Certain Hospitalized Persons to Vote at
Provincial Elections

HON. MR. COLBORNE

Explanatory Note

General. This Bill sets out a scheme for taking votes in hospitals in Edmonton and Calgary Electoral Divisions. This Bill replaces The Hospital Voting Act, being chapter 30 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1959. The procedure is much the same except that instead of one deputy returning officer taking votes for all the electoral divisions in the city, each of the electoral divisions conducts its own Poll.

2. Definitions.

3. Where more than 10 electors are in a hospital in Calgary or Edmonton the Clerk of the Executive Council is to instruct the returning officers of each of the city constituencies to hold a poll in the hospital. See The Hospital Voting Act, section 3 where the returning officer of the constituency in which the hospital is situated conducts the poll on behalf of all constituencies.

4. (1) Appointment of deputy returning officer.

(2) Election material.

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(Assented to _____, 1960)

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

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Hospital Voting Act, 1960*".

2. In this Act,

- (a) "Clerk" means the Clerk of the Executive Council;
- (b) "hospital" has the same meaning given that expression by subsection (4) of section 84 of *The Election Act*.

3. (1) Where it appears to the Clerk from information obtained from the person having the charge of a hospital within the City of Calgary or the City of Edmonton that there are in the hospital, at any time after nomination day and not later than the second day before polling day, not less than ten patients resident in the city in which the hospital is situated who are entitled to vote at the election, the Clerk shall by telegram or by letter forthwith instruct the returning officer of each of the electoral divisions in that city to take a poll in the hospital for residents of his electoral division who are patients in the hospital on election day.

(2) Where a poll will be required in a hospital in respect of more than one electoral division, the polls shall be held in accordance with this Act and section 84 of *The Election Act* does not apply thereto.

4. (1) Upon receiving instructions pursuant to section 3, the returning officer shall appoint a deputy returning officer to take a poll of the votes of the electors of the electoral division who are patients in the hospital, but of no other persons whomsoever.

(2) A deputy returning officer appointed pursuant to this section shall be supplied with a list of electors for each polling subdivision in the electoral division.

(3) More than one deputy returning officer may be appointed for large hospitals.

5. Taking of vote. The procedure is similar to that specified in The Election Act.

6. The hospital is a "polling place".

7. This Act is to be construed as part of The Election Act.

8. Repeal of former Act.

9. Commencement of Act.

(3) Where it appears advisable because of the number of electors in the hospital, the returning officer may appoint two or more deputy returning officers to conduct polls in different parts of the hospital.

5. (1) The returning officer shall fix a period on election day for the taking of the poll at the hospital, and appoint the times at which the poll shall be opened and closed.

(2) During the hours fixed under subsection (1), the deputy returning officer and the poll clerk, accompanied by an officer of the hospital and by the representatives of the candidates, if any, shall attend with a ballot box upon all persons in the hospital

(a) who are certified to be *bona fide* patients in the hospital and to be well enough to vote, and

(b) who are electors of the electoral division for which the poll is being taken,

and shall take the vote of any such elector who wishes to vote.

(3) The certificate required under clause (a) of subsection (2) shall be given in writing to the deputy returning officer under the hand of the superintendent or other person having charge of the hospital.

6. Every hospital at which a poll is taken under this Part is a polling place for each of the electoral divisions for which a poll is taken.

7. This Act shall be read and construed as forming part of *The Election Act* and the provisions of that Act relating to the holding of a poll apply *mutatis mutandis* and so far as they are applicable to the holding of a poll pursuant to this Act.

8. *The Hospital Voting Act*, being chapter 30 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1959, is hereby repealed.

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

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