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BILL 103

X A Bill to amend The Municipalities Assistance Act

Hon. Mr. Hooke

Explanatory Note

- 1. This Bill amends The Municipalities Assistance Act, which is chapter 51 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1958.
- 2. Section 3 is amended to set out in the Act the method of determining the total amount to be paid each year into the Municipal Assistance Fund. The amount of the grant to each municipality is determined pursuant to section 5. Section 3 presently reads:
 - $\mbox{``3.}$ (1) The Provincial Treasurer shall establish a fund to be known as the Municipal Assistance Fund.
 - (2) In each year the Provincial Treasurer shall pay into the fund the amount appropriated therefor by the Legislature.".
- 3. Section 4 is revised to remove the requirement that assessment figures be provided for use in calculating grants. The date is changed to January 31st from May 15th.

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(Assented to

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

- 1. The Municipalities Assistance Act is hereby amended.
- 2. Section 3 is amended by striking out subsection (2) and by substituting the following:
- (2) Each year, the Minister shall inform the Provincial Treasurer of the total population figure of all municipalities as obtained or determined by him for the previous year pursuant to section 4 and the Provincial Treasurer shall pay
 - (a) out of the General Revenue Fund, and
- (b) into the Municipal Assistance Fund, an amount equal to twelve dollars multiplied by the figure given him by the Minister.
- 3. Section 4 is struck out and the following is substituted:
- 4. (1) On or before the thirty-first day of January in each year the proper officer of each municipality shall forward by registered mail to the Minister an affidavit setting out the population and such other relevant information pertaining to the municipality as may be required by the Minister.
- (2) The population figure shall be compiled from population figures obtained by any one of the following methods:
 - (a) by the taking of an actual census of the municipality before the twenty-fifth day of January in the year in which the census return is submitted to the Minister;
 - (b) by stating the population figure obtained as the result of the last actual census taken by the municipality at any time subsequent to the latest Dominion census; or
 - (c) by adopting the population figure of the municipality according to the latest Dominion census.

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- (3) If in any year a municipality neglects or refuses to submit to the Minister a return before the thirty-first day of January giving the required information, then for the purpose of the distribution of the fund the population for that municipality shall be deemed to be the population as shown in the latest Dominion census and the other relevant information shall be obtained from the records of the Department of Municipal Affairs.
- (4) Where a municipality has been incorporated after the distribution of the grants of the preceding year and before the calculation of the grants of the current year and the population figures for the municipality do not appear in the latest Dominion census, the population of the municipality shall be determined in accordance with clause (a) or (b) of subsection (2) or, in the case of counties, municipal districts, improvement districts or special areas, may be determined by the Minister in accordance with the township population as listed in the latest Dominion census.
- (5) The population figures and other relevant facts applicable to the calculation of the grant to any municipality are, at the discretion of the Minister, subject to adjustment in accordance with the addition or withdrawal of lands.
- (6) The population figures that are to be used in calculating the grant to a summer village shall be one-half of the figure produced by multiplying the number of taxable parcels of land on which residential buildings are situate by the average size of Alberta families according to the latest Dominion census.
- (7) The population figures and other relevant facts that are to be used in calculating the grant to the city of Lloyd-minster shall be the figures applicable to that portion of the city within the boundaries of Alberta.
- 4. This Act comes into force on the first day of January, 1965.

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