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(Assented to _____, 1967)

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 Agricultural and Vocational Colleges Act*.

2. In this Act,

- (a) “agricultural and vocational college” means a college established pursuant to this Act for the purpose of teaching practical and scientific farming, household economy, domestic science and such other subjects as the Board prescribes;
- (b) “Board” means the Board of Agricultural and Vocational Education constituted pursuant to this Act;
- (c) “Director” means the Director of Agricultural and Vocational Colleges appointed pursuant to this Act;
- (d) “Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture.

3. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may establish

- (a) an agricultural and vocational college in connection with each of the farms owned by the Province for agricultural teaching purposes, or
- (b) at such other places within Alberta as may be determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Minister has charge of the government, conduct, management and control of agricultural and vocational colleges and of the property, revenues, business and affairs thereof.

5. Subject to *The Public Service Act, 1962* there may be appointed such teaching and other staff as is required for the operation of the agricultural and vocational colleges.

6. (1) Subject to *The Public Service Act, 1962*, there shall be appointed a Director of Agricultural and Vocational Colleges.

Explanatory Notes

General. This Bill is a revision of the present Agricultural Schools Act, chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes. It changes the name of the Act and the official title of the chief administrative officer from "Superintendent" to "Director". There are no major policy changes.

2. Clause (a) is revised to include other vocational as well as purely agricultural subject matters and the institutions are now called colleges instead of schools. Clauses (b) and (d) are re-enactments from the present Act. Clause (c) defines the Director, who was formerly called Superintendent.

3. The present section 3 is re-enacted with changes consequential of the name change of the Act.

4. The present section 6 re-enacted with consequential amendments.

5. The present section 4 revised.

6. The present section 8 revised.

(2) The Director shall

- (a) be responsible for the supervision and inspection of agricultural and vocational colleges and the manner in which the members of the staff perform their duties,
- (b) be responsible for the co-ordination and unification of courses of study and services rendered by the colleges,
- (c) report, from time to time, to the Deputy Minister of Agriculture respecting the conduct and administration of the colleges,
- (d) act as the official secretary of the Board,
- (e) evaluate the adequacy of facilities and equipment of colleges and make recommendations for additions, improvements or changes as are considered necessary to carry out the intent of this Act, and
- (f) evaluate the adequacy of courses and staff complements and make recommendations for changes, special advisory committees and other matters as are considered necessary to carry out the recommendations of the Board as may be approved by the Minister.

7. (1) There shall be a Board of Agricultural and Vocational Education consisting of

- (a) the Minister,
- (b) the Deputy Minister of Agriculture,
- (c) the Deputy Minister of Education,
- (d) the Dean of Agriculture of each university under *The Universities Act* having a faculty of agriculture,
- (e) the Director of the Division of Extension and Colleges, of the Department of Agriculture,

and nine other members appointed in accordance with subsection (2).

(2) The nine remaining members shall all be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and shall consist of

- (a) one representative from the governing body of each of the following organizations:
 - (i) The Alberta School Trustees Association;
 - (ii) The Alberta Association of Municipal Districts;
 - (iii) The Alberta Federation of Agriculture;
 - (iv) The Farm Women's Union of Alberta;
 - (v) Alberta Women's Institute;
 - (vi) Agricultural and Vocational Colleges Alumni Association;
- and
- (b) three members appointed at large.

7. Section 7 is rewritten for clarification and to conform to the new names proposed for this Act. Subsection (3) is moved to section 10 of the Draft.

(3) Subject to section 8, all members of the Board hold office for two years.

(4) No person other than a Canadian citizen or a British subject resident in Alberta is eligible for appointment as a member of the Board.

8. (1) If a member of the Board after his appointment ceases to be a resident of Alberta or otherwise becomes incapable of performing his duties, his office is *ipso facto* vacated.

(2) A declaration that the office of a member of the Board has been vacated shall be entered in the minutes of the Board and the entry, when confirmed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, shall be accepted as conclusive proof of the vacancy.

(3) Any interim vacancy in the Board may be filled forthwith by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, who shall appoint a person to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the person ceasing to be a member.

(4) Notwithstanding any vacancy in the Board, as long as the Board consists of at least six members it is competent to exercise its powers.

9. Until the Board otherwise provides five members of the Board constitute a quorum.

10. (1) The Minister or such member of the Board as he appoints shall act as chairman of the Board.

(2) The Board may appoint one of its members to be vice-chairman, and whenever the chairman is for any reason unable to act or where there is a vacancy in the office of chairman, the vice-chairman is empowered to act for and shall act for the chairman.

(3) Whenever both the chairman and the vice-chairman are for any reason unable to act, or where there are vacancies in both the office of chairman and vice-chairman, the Board may appoint one of its members to act as chairman for the time being and thereupon the appointee is empowered to act for and shall act for the chairman.

(4) Where any act may be lawfully done by the chairman if it is done by

(a) a vice-chairman acting pursuant to subsection (2),

or

(b) an acting chairman acting pursuant to subsection (3),

such act shall, without proof of the necessity therefor, be deemed to have been lawfully done.

11. The Board shall hold its regular annual meeting before the 30th day of June in each year at a time and place to

8. (1) and (2) Section 14 re-enacted.

(3) and (4) Section 15 re-enacted in same form.

9. Section 13 re-enacted verbatim.

10. (1) The present section 7 (3).

(2) to (4) Section 12 re-enacted with rewording for clarification.

11. Section 9 re-enacted in changed form but with similar substance.

be fixed by the chairman, and the secretary of the Board shall give due notice of the meeting to each member.

12. Whenever the chairman considers it necessary or advisable he may call a special meeting of the Board and in every such case the secretary of the Board shall give due notice of the special meeting to each member.

13. (1) The Director shall submit to the regular annual meeting of the Board reports and recommendations respecting the conduct and administration of the agricultural and vocational colleges and upon any matters that have been referred to him by the Board or by the chairman.

(2) The principals of the agricultural and vocational colleges are entitled to attend the regular annual meeting of the Board and when notified they may also attend any special meeting of the Board.

(3) The chairman may from time to time appoint a committee of the Board to visit and inspect agricultural and vocational colleges and to make such inquiries respecting the conduct and administration of any particular college as the committee considers necessary and to report thereon at the next regular meeting of the Board.

14. The Board shall

- (a) prepare a scheme of practical and scientific work to be done by students attending the agricultural and vocational colleges,
- (b) prescribe the courses of study, and
- (c) act as an advisory body to aid in the co-ordination of agricultural and vocational education as provided in public schools, high schools, agricultural and vocational colleges, universities and other institutions providing instruction in agriculture or vocational subjects.

15. The Minister may, after considering the advice and recommendations of the Board, make regulations and administrative directions for the organization, classification, government and conduct of all agricultural and vocational colleges.

16. Every student who

- (a) attends satisfactorily any full course of study prescribed by the Board,
 - (b) complies with the requirements of any related prescribed practical course, and
 - (c) passes the required examinations,
- is entitled to receive a diploma.

12. Present section 10.

13. Section 11 is re-enacted with consequential amendments and a few wording changes intended to clarify.

14. Section 16 re-enacted in same form, but with consequential amendments.

15. Section 17 re-enacted with consequential amendment.

16. Section 19 re-enacted in different form for clarification and to apply to vocational subjects.

17. (1) Upon the commencement of this Act

- (a) the Board under the former Act continues as the Board under this Act,
- (b) the Superintendent of Agricultural Schools under the former Act becomes and continues as the Director of Agricultural and Vocational Colleges under this Act, and
- (c) all institutions established or developed as agricultural schools under the former Act shall be deemed to be agricultural and vocational colleges under this Act.

(2) In this section "former Act" means *The Agricultural Schools Act*.

18. This Act repeals and replaces *The Agricultural Schools Act*.

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

17. This is a transitional provision and is self-explanatory.