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(Assented to _____, 1970)

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 Alberta Heritage Act*.

2. In this Act,

- (a) "Minister" means the member of the Executive Council charged with the administration of this Act;
- (b) "Museum and Archives" means the Provincial Museum and Archives of Alberta established pursuant to section 3.

Museum and Archives

3. There shall be a Provincial Museum and Archives of Alberta the purpose of which are to preserve and to promote appreciation and knowledge of the heritage of Alberta.

4. (1) The Minister has the general management and control of the Museum and Archives.

(2) In accordance with *The Public Service Act, 1968* there shall be appointed a Director of the Provincial Museum and Archives, a Provincial Archivist, Head Curators of Human and Natural History and such other persons that are necessary for the operation of the Museum and Archives.

5. (1) The Minister may

- (a) acquire by purchase, gift, bequest, devise, loan or otherwise any document, artifact or specimen having a bearing on the heritage of Alberta,

Explanatory Notes

1. The purpose of this Bill is to set out guide lines for the operation and management of the Provincial Museum and Archives.

2. Definitions.

3. Purposes of the Provincial Museum and Archives.

4. Management of the Museum and Archives.

5. Collections of the Museum and Archives.

- (b) sell, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of any document, artifact or specimen not or no longer required for the Museum and Archives,
 - (c) lend, on such terms as he considers necessary, any document, specimen or artifact.
- (2) The Minister may acquire by gift, devise, bequest or loan any thing of historic, scientific or artistic interest whether or not related to the purposes of the Museum and Archives.
- (3) Where any real or personal property
- (a) is given or bequeathed to or for the purposes of, or
 - (b) is given or bequeathed by words showing an intention that the gift or bequest should enure to or for the benefit of
- the Provincial Museum and Archives of Alberta or the Provincial Museum or the Provincial Archives, the property vests in the Crown in right of Alberta and shall be administered by the Minister under this Act.
- (4) Any document, artifact, specimen or thing acquired by the Minister by gift, bequest or loan is subject to such terms and conditions, if any, as may be stated by the person giving, bequeathing or lending the document, artifact, specimen or thing.
- 6. (1)** In furtherance of the purposes of the Museum and Archives the Minister may
- (a) exhibit and display the documents, artifacts and specimens in the collections of the Museum and Archives,
 - (b) classify, place in safekeeping, index and catalogue the collection of the Museum and Archives,
 - (c) for the purpose of selling to the public,
 - (i) acquire books, pamphlets, souvenirs, photographs and similar items,
 - (ii) make copies of documents in the Museum and Archives, and
 - (iii) publish information and studies,
 - (d) undertake, support or sponsor educational or research programs relevant to the purposes of the Museum and Archives, and
 - (e) do or authorize such other things as are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of the Museum and Archives.
- (2) The Minister may make regulations

6. General powers and functions of the Minister with respect to the Museum and Archives.

- (a) to establish the times, terms and conditions under which the public are admitted to the Museum and Archives,
- (b) respecting the use and protection of the collection of the Museum and Archives,
- (c) respecting the terms and conditions under which the auditorium and other facilities in the Museum and Archives may be used by the public,
- (d) governing the sale price of pamphlets, books and souvenirs,
- (e) respecting a tariff of charges for supplying copies of documents in the Museum and Archives, and
- (f) generally for the operation, conduct and management of the Museum and Archives.

7. From moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, the Minister may pay a grant to any organization having purposes similar to those of the Museum and Archives, but no grant may exceed \$1,000 in any one year.

Historic Sites

8. The Minister may

- (a) undertake a program of research into areas, sites and buildings considered to have a bearing on the purposes of the Museum and Archives,
- (b) place markers, signs and cairns on historic sites, and
- (c) publish books, pamphlets and other material setting out the results of the research and giving information on historic sites.

9. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may

- (a) appoint a committee to be known as "The Historic Sites Advisory Committee" to advise the Minister on all matters related to historic sites, and
- (b) make regulations providing for the payment of honoraria and travelling and other allowances to those members of the committee who are not public servants.

10. *The Provincial Archives Act* is repealed.

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

7. Grants.

8. Minister's power in connection with historic sites.

9. Historic Sites Advisory Committee.

10. Repeals chapter 73 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1966, which is replaced by this Act and the proposed Public Documents Act.