

1983 BILL 32

First Session, 20th Legislature, 32 Elizabeth II

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

BILL 32

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES AMENDMENT ACT, 1983**

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

Bill 32

BILL 32

1983

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES AMENDMENT ACT, 1983

(Assented to _____, 1983)

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

1 The Department of Energy and Natural Resources Act is amended by this Act.

2 Section 3 is amended by adding the following after subsection (2):

(3) For the purposes of the *Public Service Act*, each of the Deputy Ministers appointed under subsection (2)(a) is a chief officer of the Department.

3 The following is added after section 3:

3.1(1) The Minister may delegate in writing to any person any power or duty conferred or imposed on him by this Act or any other Act or regulation under his administration.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any power or duty of the Minister to make regulations.

4 Section 4 is repealed and the following is substituted:

4(1) The Minister may enter into an agreement on or in connection with any policy, program, service or other matter under his administration.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), an agreement may be made under that subsection with the Government of Canada or of a province.

Explanatory Notes

1 This Bill will amend chapter D-18 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

2 Section 3 presently reads:

3(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may establish the offices of not more than 3 Deputy Ministers for the Department and shall designate the name of each office so established.

(2) In accordance with the Public Service Act there may be appointed

(a) the Deputy Ministers whose offices are established under subsection (1), and

(b) any other employees required to conduct the business of the Department.

3 Delegation by the Minister.

4 Section 4 presently reads:

4(1) The Minister may engage the services of experts or persons having special technical or other knowledge to advise him or to inquire into and report to him on matters under the Minister's administration.

(2) A person whose services are engaged under this section may be paid the remuneration and expenses that the Minister prescribes.

5 *The following is added after section 6:*

7 In sections 9 to 12, "Advisory Committee" means the Advisory Committee on Heavy Oil and Oil Sands Development established under section 8.

8 There is hereby established a committee called the Advisory Committee on Heavy Oil and Oil Sands Development.

9(1) The Advisory Committee shall consist of the following members:

(a) a member of the Legislative Assembly who shall also be the chairman of the Advisory Committee;

(b) 3 persons who are representative of residents of those areas of Alberta containing heavy oil and oil sands resources;

(c) 1 person who is representative of organizations engaged in the business of developing or servicing heavy oil and oil sands resources;

(d) 1 person who is a representative of the Energy Resources Conservation Board;

(e) 1 person who is a representative of the Department.

(2) The members of the Advisory Committee referred to

(a) in subsection (1)(a), (b) and (c) shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and

(b) in subsection (1)(d) and (e) shall be appointed by the Minister.

(3) Members of the Advisory Committee referred to in subsection (1)(b) and (c)

(a) shall be paid remuneration at the rates prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and

(b) shall be paid their reasonable travelling and living expenses while absent from their ordinary places of residence and in the course of their duties as members of the Advisory Committee at the rate prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(4) The Advisory Committee may make by-laws regulating its proceedings and generally for the conduct and management of the business and affairs of the Committee.

(5) The *Regulations Act* does not apply to by-laws of the Advisory Committee.

10(1) The Minister shall designate one member referred to in section 9(1)(d) or (e) to be vice-chairman of the Advisory Committee.

5 The Advisory Committee on Heavy Oil and Oil Sands Development.

(2) In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman shall act as and has all the powers of the chairman.

(3) In the absence of the chairman and the vice-chairman from a meeting of the Advisory Committee, the members present shall appoint an acting chairman who shall act as and has all the powers of the chairman during the meeting.

11(1) In accordance with the *Public Service Act*, there may be appointed an executive director and any other employees required for the purpose of conducting the business and affairs of the Advisory Committee.

(2) The Advisory Committee may engage the services of persons having special technical or other knowledge to advise it on any matter pertaining to the development of heavy oil or oil sands resources.

12(1) The functions of the Advisory Committee are the following:

(a) to provide a continuing liaison between the Minister and the representatives of communities that are or may be affected by the possible development of heavy oil or oil sands resources in the vicinity of those communities;

(b) to advise the Minister on the possible need for and scheduling of programs to provide public services and facilities in areas of Alberta affected by the development of heavy oil or oil sands resources in keeping with the pace and scale of that development;

(c) generally, to establish and co-ordinate a continuing communication among

(i) the organizations engaging in the business of the development of heavy oil and oil sands resources,

(ii) the residents of communities of Alberta directly affected by that development, and

(iii) the various departments and agencies concerned with the regulation of that development

in relation to those aspects of the development that affect the residents of Alberta.

(2) The Advisory Committee shall, on being requested to do so by an order of the Minister, hold public hearings for the purpose of receiving briefs and submissions on any matter pertaining to the development of heavy oil or oil sands resources specified in the order, and shall report on the matter to the Minister.

13 Sections 7 to 12 expire on December 31, 1987 unless they are continued by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

6 The persons who were immediately before the commencement of this Act the members of the Advisory Committee on Heavy Oil and Oil Sands Development established under Order in Council numbered O.C. 28/83 are members of the Advisory Committee on Heavy Oil and Oil Sands Development established under this Act.

In accordance with section 4(1) of the Interpretation Act, this Bill comes into force on the date it receives Royal Assent.

**6 Continuation of the Advisory Committee on Heavy Oil and Oil Sands
Development.**