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No. 62 of 1913 (Second Session).

An Act to amend The Lethbridge Charter.

(Assented to _____, 1913.)

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

The Lethbridge Charter, being chapter 22 of the Statutes of Alberta for 1913, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Title 2, section 3: By adding the words "and takes office" after the word "elected" where it appears in the first line of said section.

2. By striking out paragraph 2 of title 2A and substituting the following paragraph in place thereof:

"All commissioners when elected at a general election shall take office on the first day of January next following their election and shall hold office for a period of three years from that date, except at the first election when the mayor shall be elected for four years, the commissioner of public works for three years and the commissioner of public utilities for two years."

3. Title 3, section 4: By striking out all the words in section 4 after the word "omitted" where it appears in the twelfth line thereof down to the word "counted" where it appears in the twenty-seventh line thereof with the exception of the words contained in the form of ballot, and striking out the "X" in the form of ballot where it is marked as third choice for Dick Joe, and substituting for that portion so struck out the following:

"The voter will go into one of the compartments and with the pencil provided in the compartment make a cross (X) in the square in the appropriate column according to his choice, at the right of the name voted for. The voter may vote first choice in first column, second choice in second column and so on till he shall have voted one choice for all candidates on the ballot except one. Do not vote more than one choice for one candidate as only one choice will count for any candidate by this ballot. All distinguishing marks make the ballot void. Each voter may vote for as many candidates as there are offices to fill and for as many choices as they are entitled to under the Act."

4. Title 4, section 3: By adding to said section the following words:

"And that all the names of the candidates for school trustees shall be printed on the same ballot and each voter shall vote only once for as many trustees as are to be elected, and the trustees having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected."

5. Title 5, section 20: By striking out the words "or on which more or less votes are given than the elector is entitled to give" where they appear after the word "initials" in the seventh line thereof.

6. Title 5, section 24: By striking out that portion of section 24 down to the words "a tie" where they appear in line 29 of said section, and by substituting the following in place thereof:

"At the close of each poll the officer presiding shall make a count of the first choice votes and enter the total number thereof in the poll book provided therefor. He shall then take the ballots to the office of the returning officer where the count shall be completed. In completing the count the returning officer shall proceed in the following manner: He shall count out the ballots according to the first choice votes for each candidate, no heed being paid to the other choices. If any candidate has then a clear majority of first choice votes he is elected and the count goes no further, but if there be no majority, then the candidate who has the smallest number of these first choice votes is declared out of the count and his ballots are distributed among the other candidates in accordance with the second choices thereon. That is each candidate gets the ballot on which his name is marked as second choice. If this gives any candidate a majority, then such candidate is elected. If not, then the lowest of the remaining candidates is excluded and his ballots are similarly transferred. When any ballot contains as second choice the name of the candidate or one of the candidates already out, his name is passed over and the ballot goes to the third choice, and so on until one candidate shall have a majority, and the candidate having the largest number of votes shall be elected."

7. Title 5, section 27: By adding the words "first choice" after the word "of" where it appears in the fourth line thereof.

8. Title 5, section 28: By adding the words "first choice" after the words "counting of" where they appear in the fifth line of said section, and by striking out the words "second and third" where they appear in the first line of subsection (a) of said section.

9. Title 5: By striking out section 32 and substituting therefor the following:

"The returning officer after he has received the ballot papers and statement before mentioned of the number of votes given in each polling place shall immediately open all the sealed packets of ballot papers and count the ballots according to the instructions contained in section 4 of this title in the presence of the candidates if present and not more than two agents of each candidate, and shall at the city hall or at some other public place at noon on the day following the return of such ballot papers and statement publicly declare to be elected the candidate or candidates having the highest number of votes for each office to be filled by the election; he shall also put up in some conspicuous place a statement under his hand showing the number of votes polled for each candidate."

10. Title 5, section 33: By striking out the words "casting up" where they appear in the first line of this section and substituting the word "counting" in their place.

11. Title 13, section 3: By striking out the words "city clerk" where they appear in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the word "treasurer".

12. Title 28: By inserting after section 11 the following section (11a):

"After any money by-law, whether referred or otherwise, has been finally passed by the council, the council may by one or more by-law or by-laws authorize the mayor and treasurer to raise from time to time by way of temporary loan in anticipation of the issue or sale of the debentures authorized by such money by-law and for the purposes thereby authorized such sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate a total principal authorized by the said money by-laws to be raised as the council deem expedient, and all such temporary loans shall be a special charge on the debentures in anticipation of the sale thereof, or sale whereof such temporary loans are made, and such debentures may be pledged as security for the repayment of such loan."

13. Title 35: By adding after section 38 the following as section 39:

"After the construction of the works all the revenues arising from and out of the supplying of water, gas, light, heat or power or from the real and personal property connected with the works to be acquired by the city under this Act shall, after providing for the expenses attendant upon the maintenance of the works and after payment of the amount payable for principal and interest or a sinking fund and interest up to the end of the then current year, year by year be transferred to and form a part of the general funds of the city and may be applied accordingly."

14. Title 38, section 3, subsection (c): By changing the figures "IV" where they appear in the fifth line thereof to the figures "XXIV".

15. Title 38, section 3, subsection (b): By adding to this subsection the following words:

"and that it shall be lawful for the council to pass such by-laws and issue such debentures after the cost of such work has been ascertained but before the work is commenced, and such by-laws and debentures issued or to be issued may be pledged as security for the raising of a temporary loan either by means of treasury bills or otherwise for the purpose of carrying out the work."

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