

# BILL

No. 28 of 1915.

An Act to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, The School Grants Act, and The Truancy Act.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1915.)

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

1. *The School Ordinance* is amended as follows:

(1) Section 2, clause 10, subclause (c): By striking out the word "therein" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the words "in the school district".

(2) Section 7: By adding thereto the following clauses:

"11. To determine, by regulation, the conditions under which a diploma qualifying a candidate for admission to a normal school for training as a teacher shall also qualify such candidate for admission as a matriculated student into any faculty of the University of Alberta, or for admission to the study of the profession of law, medicine and surgery, dentistry, pharmacy, surveying, engineering or architecture;

"12. To require the parents or guardian, and in the case of no parent or guardian the individual concerned, to furnish the board of any school district with such information regarding educational attainment and occupation as may be required by the Department of Education from time to time until such person has reached the full age of eighteen years."

(3) Section 40a: By striking out the whole of said section and substituting therefor the following:

"40a. The Minister may authorize a vote of the resident ratepayers of each of any two or more contiguous districts, to be taken as nearly as may be as provided by sections 14 to 22, inclusive, of the Ordinance for the holding of a first school meeting, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the majority of such resident ratepayers are in favour of the union of such school districts into a consolidated school district."

(4) Section 40d: By adding thereto the following proviso:

"Provided that the board of the consolidated district may, with the consent of the Minister, take over the assets and assume the liabilities of the districts included in such consolidation, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the said board, and the trustees representing the several districts; but such agreement shall not prejudicially affect the rights or security of the holder of any debentures issued by any of such districts."

(5) Section 65: By adding thereto the following subsections:

“(2) In case of more than one vacancy and trustees are elected by acclamation, the first trustee nominated shall hold office for the longest term, the others following in order.

“(3) In case of any two or more trustees receiving an equal number of votes they shall respectively hold office in the manner provided in the next preceding subsection.”

(6) Section 82, subsection 2: By striking out the figure “8” in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the figures “10”.

(7) Section 95, clause 7: By adding thereto the words “with power at their discretion to supply text books, exercise books, pencils or other school supplies, or any of them, either free of charge or at a price to be fixed by the board”.

(8) Section 95a: By adding thereto the following clause:  
“4. To furnish the pupils with luncheon at the noon hour, either free of charge or at a price to be fixed by the board.”

(9) Section 106, as amended by chapter 16 of the Statutes of 1913 (2nd Session), is amended by striking out said section and substituting therefor the following:

“**106.** The board of any village district or of any consolidated district or of any rural district outside of an organized rural municipality may, by resolution, authorize its chairman and treasurer to borrow from any person, bank or corporation such sums as the board deem necessary to meet the expenditure of the district until such time as the taxes for the current year are available and the amount so borrowed shall be repaid out of and shall be a first charge upon the taxes which are collected for the year in which such amount was borrowed, and may be secured by the promissory note or notes of the chairman and treasurer, given on behalf of the board:

“Provided that the board of any rural district that is partially outside of an organized rural municipality shall have the power to borrow as herein provided on the security of the taxes on that portion of said district outside of such municipality.”

And by adding after said section the following sections:

“**106a.** The board of a town district shall have power, by resolution or by-law, to borrow from any source such sums as the board deem necessary and to hypothecate as security for said sums any debenture or debentures which have been duly registered and countersigned as required by sections 129 and 130 of this Ordinance.

“**106b.** The board of a town district or a rural district situate wholly within an organized rural municipality, shall have power, by resolution or by-law, on receiving the written consent of the Minister, to borrow from any person, bank or corporation, for current expenses, such sums as the board may deem necessary, but not to exceed the amount due on taxes from the municipality for the current year, and the amount so borrowed shall be repaid out of the taxes which are collected for the year in which such amount was borrowed and such sum may be secured by the promissory note or notes of the chairman and treasurer, given on behalf of the board.”

(10) Section 107: By adding thereto the words "or for securing a water supply" after the word "house" in the fourth line thereof.

(11) Section 110, clause 3: By adding after the word "district" in the fourth line thereof the words "or one which has been declared a village district for assessment purposes".

(12) Section 128, subsection (2): By striking out the words "or any rural district having an assessment based on land values only" and substituting therefor the words "or any district which has been declared a village district for assessment purposes".

(13) Section 158, clause 13: By adding the word "trachoma" after the word "mumps" therein.

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**2. The School Assessment Ordinance** is amended as follows:

(1) Section 15, subsection (2): By striking out the words "thirty-first" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the word "first"; by striking out the word "five" in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the word "ten"; and by striking out the following words: "and in the event of such taxes, or any part thereof, still remaining unpaid on July 1st of the year following that during which the taxes were imposed there shall be added thereto, by way of a penalty, a sum equal to five per centum of such taxes remaining unpaid."

(2) Section 43, subsection (3): By striking out the words "thirty-first" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the word "first"; by striking out the word "five" in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the word "ten"; and by striking out the following words: "and in the event of such taxes, or any part thereof, still remaining unpaid on July 1st of the year following that during which the taxes were imposed there shall be added thereto, by way of a penalty, a sum equal to five per centum of the taxes remaining unpaid."

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**3. The Truancy Act** is amended as follows:

(1) Section 3: By striking out the word "fourteen" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the word "fifteen".

(2) Section 4: By striking out the word "fourteen" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the word "fifteen".

(3) Section 5: By adding thereto the following subsection:

"(f) The child is over fourteen years of age and has passed the departmental examination for the highest grade taught in the school of the district in which he resides."

(4) Section 6: By striking out the word "fourteen" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the word "fifteen".

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**4. The School Grants Act** is amended as follows:

(1) By striking out section 16 thereof.