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No. 22 of 1919.

The Municipal Hospitals Act.

(Assented to 1919.)

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

TITLE.

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Municipal Hospitals Act*, 1919."

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

(a) "Municipality" means a municipal district, village, town or city, or any part of such area;

(b) "Minister" means the Minister of Health;

(c) "Board" means a Hospital Board created under the provisions of this Act;

(d) "Municipal Act" means any of the Acts set out in the schedule hereto, or any Act or Ordinance or Acts or Ordinances giving powers as to taxes to a municipality;

(e) "Assessor" means the secretary-treasurer, clerk, or other person or authority authorized by a Municipal Act to assess property and levy or collect taxes in a municipality;

(f) "Rateable property" and "rateable lands" mean respectively property or land liable to taxation under the provisions of a Municipal Act;

(g) "Assessed value" means the value of rateable property as arrived at under the provisions of a Municipal Act;

(h) "Hospital tax" means the tax imposed by authority of this Act or any part of such tax;

(i) "Taxable person" is any person personally liable for the payment of taxes under the provisions of a Municipal Act.

(j) "Contributing council" means or includes a council administering any part of a hospital district or of a proposed hospital district, and in respect to an improvement district, the Department of Municipal Affairs;

(k) "Included area" means any municipality or part thereof, or any improvement district or part thereof included in a hospital district;

(l) "Ratepayers" means any person living within an established or proposed hospital district and liable to pay municipal taxes, or improvement district taxes, and the wife or husband of aforementioned person and any son or daughter of the age of at least twenty-one years, residing within such hospital district, and any person who has entered directly or indirectly into an agreement under section 16(a)3, and which latter person or persons have been residents of the hospital district for at least six months prior to the time of their actually voting.

ESTABLISHMENT OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

3. The Minister shall divide the province into proposed hospital districts convenient for the organization of hospital boards under the provisions of this Act; provided, however, that the Minister may at any time establish a hospital district other than those resulting from the said division.

(2) The Minister shall have power to add territory to any established hospital district subject to such terms and conditions as he shall see fit:

Provided that upon a plebiscite being taken two-thirds of the ratepayers actually voting shall have favoured such addition, after the particulars as to such proposed addition have been advertised for at least two weeks prior to polling day, in a newspaper published or circulating in said territory.

4. The Minister may establish a hospital district upon petition from—

- (a) Each contributing council therein; or
- (b) Twenty-five ratepayers in each included area; or
- (c) The contributing council or councils of any one or more included areas and twenty-five ratepayers in the other included areas or municipalities;

Provided that any or any portion of an improvement district may be added to any hospital district by order of the Minister either of his own motion or upon petition from twenty-five ratepayers thereof:

Provided further that where only part of a municipality or an improvement district is included in a hospital district then the number of signatures of ratepayers thereof required to any petition shall be three times the number of townships or parts thereof included in the said part of a municipality or an improvement district:

Provided further that the said petitions must be signed by at least two ratepayers in each and every township in the proposed hospital district:

Provided that the Minister after establishing a district, and before a vote is taken, may for cause disestablish the same; and

Provided further that during the course of securing petitions or subsequently, the Minister may, if he deems it advisable, vary the area to be included in the district, without invalidating in any way the petitions or any of them, and without rendering it necessary to obtain petitions under this section as to the area as varied:

Provided further that the Minister may at any time after a district has been established, detach certain lands from any hospital district:

Provided, however, that particulars as to the proposed detachment have been advertised for at least two weeks in a newspaper published or circulating in the territory that it is proposed to detach, and that at a poll taken, as may be provided for, by the Minister, two-thirds of the ratepayers actually voting shall favor detaching the said territory, and may or may not attach the same, or any portion thereof, to one or more hospital districts, and may, if considered equitable or desirable, vary the number of members of the board, which each contributing council, affected by any such change, shall appoint, and any hospital district so varied by detaching or attaching certain lands shall be deemed to have been originally of the same area as it is after the lands are so detached or attached, and the question of whether any hospital district from which lands have been so detached shall pay a certain amount of money, and if so how much, to the district to which the detached lands have been attached, or have become a part of, shall be determined by the Public Utilities Commission, upon application of the board of any hospital district interested, and there shall be no appeal from the decision of the commission. The commission shall have any and all powers conferred upon it by *The Public Utilities Act* for making the necessary enquiry in order to arrive at a decision.

Any such sum of money so paid by any district to one or more other districts shall be credited to the lands so detached from one district and attached to one or more other districts in proportion to the total amount of taxes paid by said lands or parts thereof, and shall stand in lieu of taxes to be paid in connection with the said lands to the said new district or districts.

5. Upon establishment of a hospital district the Minister shall fix the number of members on the board governing such district and shall allocate to each contributing council the number of such members to be appointed thereby and

shall direct the appointment of such last mentioned members from members of the contributing council or other residents of the municipality in equal numbers or as near thereto as may be:

Provided always that where any members of the board are allocated to an improvement district or part thereof such members shall be appointed by the Minister.

Where such members represent portions of the area within the boundaries of municipalities, they shall only hold office until the next election for municipal councillors or aldermen.

6. Forthwith after such appointment as aforesaid a meeting of the board for the purpose of organization and the appointment of officers, as is hereinafter detailed, shall be summoned by such member of the board as shall be nominated thereunto by the Minister for such time and place as the latter may direct.

ELECTION OF BOARD.

7. At the next regular election of councillors or aldermen after the establishment of a hospital district, the members of the board allocated to a municipality or portion thereof shall be elected by the ratepayers in such municipality or portion thereof, and such election shall be governed and regulated by the provisions of the appropriate municipal Act where the provisions of such Act are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

(2) The persons eligible for election as members of the board shall be resident ratepayers of the hospital district, who are of the full age of twenty-one years, who are British subjects, who can read and write the English language, who have paid all taxes due by him or her to the municipality, and who do not owe any money directly or indirectly to the hospital district.

(3) Any member of a municipal council may be a member of a hospital board.

8. The members of the board allocated to an improvement district or part thereof shall be appointed annually by the Minister.

9. All members of the board shall be elected for one year.

(2) The nomination of candidates for membership on the board shall be held at the same time and place as the nomination of candidates for councillors or aldermen, and all notices of nomination issued or published in accordance with the provisions of the appropriate municipal Act, shall, where the whole or part of the municipality is in an included area, set forth the fact that nominations

for candidates for members of the board will be called for at such meeting, and it shall be the duty of every returning officer to state the number of members to be elected to the board, and to call for nominations.

(3) If more than the required number of candidates are nominated, a notice of poll shall be given in the form and manner provided for by the appropriate municipal Act in connection with the poll for councillors and aldermen, and a poll shall be held at the same time and place and by the same officials as the poll for councillors or aldermen, or if there is no poll for aldermen or councillors by the officials appointed by the municipal council to hold a poll.

10. The persons entitled to nominate candidates for the office of members of the board, and to vote at the election of such members, shall be the ratepayers of the hospital district resident within the municipality or portion thereof, that is within the included area.

11. The persons entitled to vote at the election of members of the hospital board shall be the ratepayers of the hospital district resident within the municipality or portion thereof, that is in an included area.

(2) The treasurer or clerk, as the case may be, of each municipality shall prepare an addition to the voters' list of the municipality to be known as the "Supplementary Hospital Voters' List"; such list shall be prepared in alphabetical order and shall contain the names of all ratepayers that are not on the municipal voters' list; provided, however, that no name shall be placed on the said Supplementary Hospital Voters' List unless such name is on a list forwarded to the treasurer of the municipality by the secretary-treasurer of the municipal hospital district, setting forth the names of the ratepayers who are not liable to pay municipal taxes.

(3) This list shall be prepared by the secretary-treasurer of a hospital district in alphabetical order, and no name shall be entered in such list except on application of the person entitled to have his or her name placed thereon, and the said secretary-treasurer shall during the usual office hours any time prior to the fifteenth day of August in each year receive or cause to be received the application of every such person, and on being satisfied that the applicant is duly qualified the secretary-treasurer shall place the name of such applicant with his or her place of residence on the list herein provided for.

(4) The voters' list of the municipality, together with the Supplementary Hospital Voters' List, shall be the voters' list for the election of members to the hospital board; provided, however, that no person shall be entitled

to vote at such election who has not paid all taxes due by him to the municipality, or who is owing money to the hospital board.

12. Every nomination for a member of the board shall be in writing in the form following, and shall be signed by at least five ratepayers of the hospital district resident within the municipality or portion thereof within the included area.

“NOMINATION PAPER.

“We, the undersigned ratepayers of the Municipal Hospital District of hereby nominate (*name, residence and occupation of the person nominated*) as a candidate at the election now about to be held for members of the board of the said municipal hospital district.

-“Witness our hands this.....day of.....
A.D. 19.....

“Signatures of Ratepayers.”

13. Every such nomination to be valid shall also have attached thereto a written statement signed by the person nominated, to the effect that he, or she, is eligible for election as provided for by section 7 hereof, and that he, or she, will accept office if elected, and such statement shall be in the following form:

"CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE.

"I, the said.....nominated in the foregoing nomination, hereby state that I am eligible for election and that I will accept the office if elected.

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“Signed in the presence of

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“*Name of Witness.* } “*Name of Candidate.*”

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14. Any candidate may withdraw any time within forty-eight hours of the closing of nomination by filing with the returning officer a declaration in writing to that effect, signed in the presence of two witnesses or the returning officer.

(2) If by reason of any such withdrawal or withdrawals there are not more than the required number of candidates remaining in nomination, no poll shall take place, and the returning officer shall declare the person or persons nominated to be elected and give notice accordingly in the manner provided for by the appropriate municipal Act in connection with withdrawals of persons nominated for the office of councillors or aldermen.

15. The ballot paper for the election of members of the board shall contain the names of the candidates duly nominated arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames and shall be in the following form:

“MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL BOARD.

“ANDREWS, HARRY

“BLACK, WILLIAM

“DAVIES, EDWARD

(2) Notwithstanding any provisions of *The Municipal District Act* in regard to electing councillors by division, any election for members of the hospital board shall be an election at large and each ratepayer voting shall be required to vote for the number of members to be elected, and if any person votes for more or less than the total number of members to be elected his ballot shall be void and not counted.

PREPARATION AND RATIFICATION OF HOSPITAL
SCHEME.

16. The board shall forthwith upon organization prepare a scheme which shall provide for—

- (a) 1. The purchase or acquiring of a site or of two or more sites and the erection upon such site or one of such sites (as the case may be), of suitable buildings and the furnishing and equipping of the same as a hospital or main hospital (as the case may be), including an operating room with necessary appliances, and the erection upon the other, or others, of sub-hospitals, and the furnishing and equipping the same as may be agreed upon by the board and the Minister, or the purchase or renting of suitable buildings and equipping the same for the like purposes, or the purchase or renting of existing hospitals for the like purposes;
2. The entering into an agreement with any other board, or with the governing body of any other hospital within or without the province for the purpose of providing suitable hospital facilities for the residents of the hospital districts; or
3. The entering into an agreement or the making an offer to others than ratepayers whereby the latter may be guaranteed hospital accommodation when necessary, on the payment of a certain sum annually, or upon such terms as may be agreed upon; and the board shall have power to bind the district by any such agreement;

(b) The location of the hospital or the main hospital and sub-hospital or hospitals, which it is proposed to establish or with which agreement is proposed to be made;

(c) The schedule of fees, if any, to be charged for hospital services;

(d) An estimate of the capital expenditure upon proposed hospital or hospitals, and the plan for borrowing the same by the issue of debentures or otherwise, and, in the case of debentures, the term of years, rate of interest and other particulars relating thereto;

(e) A plan for the repayment of such capital expenditure by the way of instalments;

(f) An estimate of the probable annual revenue and the probable annual expenditure incident to the carrying on of the hospital;

(g) A plan for the division of the proposed capital and maintenance expenditure among the various included areas in the hospital district, which plan shall not include any proposed taxation of lands owned by the Crown, and which land shall not be taxable for any particular hospital district, but may be the subject of a general tax.

17. During the preparation of any scheme the Minister shall be consulted from time to time and shall advise the board on all subjects in connection therewith and shall prepare or cause to be prepared standard maps, plans, specifications and estimates for any proposed hospital, or the main hospital and sub-hospital or hospitals, and his endorsement of the architecture and construction of any hospital building and equipment and appliances required in connection therewith shall be requisite.

18. The said scheme shall be advertised in such newspapers published or circulated in the hospital district as the Minister may direct. Within fourteen days of such publication the Minister may, either of his own motion or upon the request of any twenty-five ratepayers of the hospital district, refer the scheme to the Board of Public Utility Commissioners, who shall have power to vary and re-apportion the proposed expenditure of the hospital board amongst the included areas.

19. Any twenty-five ratepayers within the hospital district may, within fourteen days of the advertisement aforesaid, appeal to the Public Utility Commissioner's Board with regard to the situation chosen by the board for the site of the hospital, or the main hospital and sub-hospital or hospitals, and such former board shall, after giving a public hearing to the complaints of the said ratepayers, forthwith confirm the provision of the scheme as to the said situation or shall substitute a new situation therefor.

20. After the expiration of the said period of fourteen days or forthwith upon such re-apportionment, or confirmation, or substitution of situation, whichever shall last happen, the Minister may approve the scheme, but unless he approves the scheme no further proceedings shall be taken.

21. After approval the Minister shall fix a date for taking a poll for the purpose of obtaining a ratification or rejection of the said scheme, and shall appoint a returning officer, who shall divide the hospital district into polling divisions and name a polling place in each division and appoint the time and place when and where the returning officer shall sum up the votes given for and against the scheme. The date fixed for the poll shall be within one month from the date of the approval aforesaid, unless the Minister further extends the time, which he may do from time to time, and he may fix a date for the poll notwithstanding the lapse of the said month or other subsequent date fixed for the poll.

CONDUCT OF POLL TO RATIFY OR REJECT HOSPITAL SCHEME.

22. The returning officer shall advertise the date of such poll and the situation of the various polling places in such papers circulating in the hospital district, and shall post up notices to a like effect in such places, as the Minister shall direct.

23. Such advertisements and notices shall be in a form approved by the Minister and shall be made or posted up at least fourteen clear days before the date of the poll.

24. The ballot papers to be used at the poll shall be in a form approved by the Minister.

25. The poll shall be taken in each polling division of the hospital district and all proceedings thereat and preliminary and subsequent thereto and for the purpose thereof shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and to any directions given by the Minister, be conducted in the same manner, as nearly as may be, as at an election of the councillors for a municipal district.

26. No scheme shall be adopted unless it is approved by two-thirds of the ratepayers voting thereon, and the returning officer shall at a time and place to be named by him sum up the number of votes cast for and against the hospital scheme, and shall then and there declare the result and shall forthwith certify to the Minister under his hand whether or not two-thirds of the ratepayers voting upon the by-law have approved of the same.

27. If it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the Minister within seven days of the date of the certificate aforesaid that a necessity for a recount exists and a deposit sufficient in the opinion of the Minister to cover the expense of a recount be made by the person requesting the same, then the Minister may direct a recount and the place, time and method of making the recount.

28. Upon the receipt by the Minister of a certificate as to the result of a count or of a recount of ballots (if such be directed) the scheme shall stand ratified or rejected as the case may be, and in the former event shall be binding upon the hospital district and all the included areas therein and contributing councils and ratepayers thereof in manner by this Act provided.

HOSPITAL FUNDS.

29. The board shall, upon ratification of the scheme by the ratepayers of the district, divide amongst the included areas the amount of capital expenditure and interest thereon proposed to be repaid before the end of the current year and of the estimated expenditure on the main hospital, or sub-hospital or hospitals, less the estimated revenue (if any) therefrom, and such division shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the scheme aforesaid:

Provided that from any subsequent division made by the hospital board and within twenty-one days after the same is made and notice thereof has been sent to the secretary-treasurer of each contributing council any twenty-five ratepayers of an included area may appeal to the Board of Public Utility Commissioners, who shall either confirm such division or make a re-division, and their decision thereon shall be final.

30. A statement of the amount so fixed for each included area shall be forwarded by the secretary-treasurer of the board to the contributing councils and each such council shall thereupon levy and collect a hospital tax for the purpose of making payment of the said amount to the board.

31. The board shall, upon rejection of the scheme by the ratepayers of the district, estimate the amount of expenditure connected with the petition for the establishment of the hospital district and the appointment of the hospital board, and the poll of ratepayers as aforesaid, and of all expenses incidental thereto, and shall apportion the same amongst the contributing councils in the proportions in which it was proposed in the scheme that expenditure should be borne by the included areas, and the contributing councils shall thereupon pay the same to the board, and any such apportioned sums of money shall be deemed

a debt due to the Crown and shall be a charge upon the taxes collected by the contributing councils, and have priority over all other encumbrances, charges or liens whatsoever. The contributing councils shall also pay their fair proportion of the costs of the scheme up to the date that the Minister disapproves of the same, under section 20, in case he so disapproves.

32. In each included area the incidence, imposition, method of assessment, collection, and enforcement of the hospital tax against taxable persons or rateable property shall follow and be regulated by the provisions of its appropriate municipal Act (including therein all provisions as to penalties, liens, distress and sale or forfeiture proceedings), or of any Act that may provide alternative or substitutional provisions of a similar nature except in so far as by this Act is otherwise provided:

Provided always that every taxed person shall pay a tax of at least one dollar.

(2) If, at the time of the receipt by any contributing council a statement as to the amount to be raised by it, the tax notices have already been sent out by that council, then a special levy shall be made by it and with regard to such special levy the Minister may, if necessary, make any alteration, modification or substitution of or for the provisions of the appropriate municipal Act either as to time or otherwise, which may be requisite or in his opinion advisable in connection with the collection and enforcement of the hospital tax for that year.

33. In every included area the amount of the hospital taxes shall be in addition to all rates levied therein for municipal purposes and no account shall be taken thereof in calculating the rate of taxation which a contributing council is entitled to levy under its appropriate municipal Act.

34. All moneys received by a municipality in respect of the hospital tax shall be placed in a separate trust account and shall be forwarded each month to the secretary-treasurer of the hospital district.

(2) The Department of Municipal Affairs shall as soon as conveniently may be forward to the secretary-treasurer of each hospital district all moneys received by it in respect of the hospital tax imposed upon such hospital district.

35. The board of any hospital district may after ratification of the scheme by the ratepayers of the district and from time to time authorize by resolution its chairman and secretary-treasurer to borrow such sums as the board deems necessary to meet the expenditure of the district until

such time as the taxes for the current year are received and the amount so borrowed shall be a charge upon the taxes due to the district and may be secured by the promissory note or notes of the chairman and secretary-treasurer given on behalf of the board.

DEBENTURES.

36. The board of any hospital district may borrow an amount equal to the aforesaid estimated capital expenditure on the security of the district, and shall pass a by-law to that effect which shall be in the form set forth in form A in the schedule to this Act, or in any other form approved by the Minister, and shall be under the corporate seal of the district. After such a by-law has been passed, the board may thereupon issue a debenture or debentures to secure the amount of the principal and interest of the loan so authorized or for any less sum upon the terms specified by the by-law, and the debenture or debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the district, and together with the coupons thereto attached shall be signed by the chairman and the treasurer of the district, and the said debenture or debentures countersigned by the Minister as provided for in section 39 hereof shall be sufficient to bind the district and create a charge or lien against all hospital property and all property assessable for hospital purposes in the district.

(2) A copy of every such by-law referred to herein shall be inscribed in the minute book containing a record of the board's proceedings.

(3) Debentures shall not carry interest at a greater rate than eight per cent. per annum.

(4) Debentures may be dated at any time within twelve months from the date of the aforesaid by-law, and the first instalment of principal and interest may be made payable at any time within eighteen months from the date of the debenture, and the debenture shall be in the form set forth in forms B or C in the schedule to this Act or to like effect.

(5) Any form of debenture other than prescribed by this Act may be used if approved by the Minister.

(6) A debenture for the whole amount or for a less amount than that mentioned in the by-law, or a series of debentures aggregating such full amount or aggregating a less amount than is so mentioned may be issued. Whenever a series of debentures is so issued of the same denomination and at the same time, each of the series shall be distinguished by a mark or symbol different from the mark or symbol appearing on the other debentures of the same issue, and the said marks or symbols respectively shall appear on the coupons attached to the debentures respectively bearing a like mark or symbol.

37. Every debenture before being issued shall be sent for registration to the Minister, who shall cause a proper record to be kept of the same.

38. The Minister shall thereupon, if satisfied that the requirements of this Act have been substantially complied with, and if the authority to make the loan has not been withdrawn, register and countersign the debenture, and such countersigning by the Minister shall be conclusive evidence that the district has been legally constituted and that all formalities in respect of such loan and the issue of such debenture have been complied with, and the legality of the issue of such debenture shall be thereby conclusively established and its validity shall not be questioned by any court in the Province of Alberta but the same shall be a good and indefeasible security in the hands of any *bona fide* holder thereof.

(2) Without restricting the powers of the Deputy Minister conferred upon him by *The Public Service Act* or any other Act or Ordinance, the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs shall have and possess for the purpose of this section all the powers hereto conferred upon the Minister.

39. Any debenture issued under the provisions hereof and coupons for the interest thereon may be payable in gold or its equivalent of lawful money of Canada or of Great Britain at any bank or banks, place or places, to be named in Great Britain, the United States of America or Canada, and may provide for the payment of the interest either yearly or half-yearly.

(2) The board of any district pending the sale of any debenture issued as provided for herein may by resolution or by-law authorize the chairman and the secretary-treasurer to raise money by way of loan on such debenture and to hypothecate the same for any such loan provided that the proceeds of every such loan shall be applied for the purpose for which the debenture was issued, and should such debenture be subsequently sold and disposed of, the proceeds shall first be applied in repayment of such loan, but the vendor shall not be bound to see to the application of the proceeds of any such loan.

40. As to any proposed subsequent capital expenditure in case the same exceeds one thousand dollars, in any year, the board may submit a plebiscite, in the form of a question to the ratepayers, at the time of any annual election, with reference to the same, which question shall detail specifically the amount and object of the proposed expenditure, and if two-thirds of the ratepayers who actually vote in favor of the proposed expenditure the board may proceed to expend the said amount, and may borrow the said amount

of money and issue debentures under the provisions of this Act for the said amount and interest thereon.

BOARD OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

41. Upon the ratification of a scheme the board of any hospital district shall become a body corporate.

42. At the first meeting of a hospital board and afterwards at the first meeting in each year the members of each board shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman from among their number, and in case of a vacancy occurring shall fill such vacancy.

(2) The board may employ a secretary-treasurer and such other officers as may seem fit to it and shall define the duties and fix the remuneration of the same. The secretary-treasurer shall furnish to the board a good and sufficient bond for the proper performance of his duty in at least the sum of one thousand dollars, said bond to be issued by a guarantee company, acceptable to the Minister.

(3) The members of the board shall remain in office until the date of the final meeting of the new board in the month of March.

(4) The board shall hold at least six meetings during the year at such times and at such places as may be fixed from time to time by the resolution of the board; a majority of the members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business and they shall have power to make and adopt rules regulating the transaction of business, and may provide therein for the appointment of committees to whom they may delegate any of their powers and authorities for the purpose of carrying out the work entrusted to them.

(5) After ratification of a scheme the board may pay its members for each meeting an allowance of twenty cents per mile from their homes to the place of meeting, and also an allowance not exceeding four dollars per day of the time necessarily occupied in attending meetings of the board:

Provided always that such allowances shall not be paid in respect of more than twelve meetings in any one year.

43. The board shall at its first meeting choose a name and corporate seal.

(2) In case a name is not chosen as hereinbefore provided, the Minister may give the board a name, in which case notice thereof shall be published in The Alberta Gazette.

(3) The Minister may from time to time on petition of the board and upon such notice to the contributing councils as he may deem sufficient, change the name of the board, in which case notice of the alteration shall be published in The Alberta Gazette.

(4) The seal used by the board before changing its name shall continue to be its seal until another is adopted.

(5) No change in the name of a board shall affect any obligation, liability, right or right of action existing at the time of the change.

44. The board may at any time, with the consent of the contributing councils and the Minister, alter the number of the members of the board or the representation of the included areas thereon.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

45. Subject to the provisions of this Act and to any regulations made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council as hereinafter provided for, the board shall do all things that may be necessary for carrying out any hospital scheme and may make such rules and regulations for the maintenance and management of any hospital as it may deem fit.

46. Nothing herein contained shall deprive any hospital of any of the benefits of *The Hospital Ordinance*, and this Act shall be subject to the provisions of *The Hospital Ordinance*, *The Public Health Act* and *The Public Utilities Act*.

47. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations not inconsistent with this Act covering the construction, equipment, maintenance, inspection, supervision, control and management of the hospital, and the audit and investigation of accounts and forms of such hospital, including the books to be kept, the forms to be used, and the returns to be made, and it shall be the duty of the Minister to see that the hospitals, main hospitals or sub-hospitals, are always in a high state of efficiency, failing which it shall be within the power of the Minister to dismiss the members of the board and appoint some person to be known as official administrator. Such official administrator shall have all the powers and authorities conferred by this Act upon a hospital board, and he shall perform all the duties of said board and shall be paid such salary out of the funds of the municipal hospital district as the Minister may determine.

(2) Such official administrator is hereby clothed with full power and authority to perform the duties of secretary-treasurer of the hospital district, and he shall have the right and authority to employ such assistants as he may deem advisable to assist him in the discharge of any duties, and the salaries paid such assistants shall be paid out of the funds of the district.

(3) Where an official administrator is appointed the Minister may at any time order that a board shall be elected at the next municipal election, and the election of a new board shall act as a dismissal of the official administrator.

48. Wherever any act or thing is in this Act directed to be done by a contributing council or by a board or by any officer of such council or board, and whether the same is to be done forthwith or within a specified time, and such act or thing is not done, then the Minister may do such act or thing with the same effect as if it had been done by such council, board or officer.

49. The board of any hospital district may make an agreement with the Government of the province as to cost and methods of specially training any number of nurses so as the better to fit them to become superintendents of the district hospital, and as to what proportion of such cost the province shall pay.

50. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, with reference to any scheme already approved of, where the rate has not been struck and the levy has not been made, it shall be lawful for the Minister to order a reconsideration of the scheme, in so far as the division of the proposed capital and maintenance expenditure among the various included areas is concerned, and upon such order issuing it shall be the duty of the hospital board to reconsider the said portion of the scheme and to re-adjust the amounts payable by the several included areas; provided, however, that from any such re-adjusted division made by the hospital board, or a refusal to make such re-adjustment, and within fourteen days after any such division or refusal any twenty-five ratepayers of an included area may appeal to the Board of Public Utility Commissioners, who shall either confirm such re-adjusted division, or make a re-division and their decision thereon shall be final, and the re-adjusted scheme as so finally settled, shall, so far as the vote or any other proceedings under this Act is concerned, be treated as if it were part of the original scheme.

51. *The Municipal Hospitals Act* is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE.

1. All Charters, Ordinances, or Acts relating to any city.
2. The Town Act.
3. The Village Act.
4. The Rural Municipalities Act.
5. The Improvement District Act.
6. The Municipal Districts Act.

FORM A.

BY-LAW No.....

A By-law relating to the Issue of Debentures of The
.....Hospital District No.....of
the Province of Alberta.

Whereas it is necessary and desirable that the sum of
.....dollars should be borrowed on the security
of The.....Hospital District No.....of
the Province of Alberta for the purpose of (*State purpose
for which money is required*).....
.....repayable to the bearer in
.....equal consecutive annual instalments with interest
at not more than eight per centum per annum.

Now therefore the board of the said district enacts as
follows:

1. That the board do borrow the said sum of.....
dollars or any less sum, pursuant to the provisions of *The
Municipal Hospitals Act* and that debentures of the said
district be issued for such amount, payable to the bearer
in.....equal consecutive annual instalments with inter-
est at not more than eight per centum per annum, payable
annually and said debentures shall be executed by the
chairman and treasurer of this board.

Done and passed this.....day of.....
A.D. 19....

(*Signed*)..... (*Signed*).....
Secretary. Chairman.

(SEAL)

FORM B.

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

\$..... \$.....
Canadian Currency. Transferable.

The.....Hospital District No.....of the
Province of Alberta.

Debenture No.....

The Board of The.....Hospital District
No... ..of the Province of Alberta, promise to pay to
the bearer at the.....the sum of.....
dollars of lawful money of Canada on the.....day of
.....19...., with interest at the rate of
.....per cent. per annum on the terms and in the
amounts specified in the coupons attached hereto.

Countersigned.....19....

.....
Chairman.

.....
Minister of Municipal Affairs. Treasurer.
Dated this.....day of.....19....

COUPONS.

Coupon No. Debenture No.
 The Board of The Hospital District
 No. of the Province of Alberta will pay to the
 bearer at the at on the
 day of 19...., the sum of \$.,
 being the half-yearly or annual (as the case may be) instal-
 ment of interest at the rate of per cent. per
 annum due on that day on Hospital Debenture No.

.....
Chairman.

.....
Treasurer.

FORM C.

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

\$..... Debenture No.
 The.... Hospital District No. of the
 Province of Alberta.

The Board of The Hospital District
 No. of the Province of Alberta, promise to pay to
 the bearer at the at the sum
 of dollars of lawful money of Canada in
 equal consecutive annual instalments with interest
 at the rate of per cent. per annum on the
 terms and in the amounts specified in the coupons attached
 hereto.

Dated this day of 19....
 Countersigned 19....

.....
Chairman.

.....
Minister of Municipal Affairs.

.....
Treasurer.

COUPONS.

Coupon No.
 Debenture No.
 The Board of Hospital District No.
 of the Province of Alberta, will pay to the bearer at the
 on the day of
 19...., the sum of dollars, being the
 instalment of principal with the total interest at the rate
 of per cent. per annum due on that day on
 Hospital Debenture No.

.....
Chairman.

.....
Treasurer.

No. 22.

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