

# BILL

No. 66 of 1919.

An Act to amend The Irrigation District Act, 1915.

(Assented to , 1919.)

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

*The Irrigation District Act*, 1915, being chapter 13 of the Statutes of Alberta, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 2: By repealing paragraph 5 thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"5. The expression 'owner' means a registered owner in possession, or a mortgagee in actual possession, or, if neither of such persons exist, any person being an equitable owner by reason of an agreement for sale, and with respect to Crown land means an occupant thereof holding under homestead or pre-emption entry, and the expressions 'own' or 'owned' have a meaning similarly restricted or extended (as the case may be)."

2. Section 4: By repealing same and substituting therefor the following:

"4. A petition for the erection of any tract of land into an irrigation district may be presented to the Minister.

"(2) Such petition shall clearly define the area and boundaries of the said tract, and must be signed by a majority of the owners of land therein of the full age of twenty-one years, and such majority must collectively own at least one-half of the tract.

"(3) Every owner at the time of affixing his signature to the petition shall therein describe the land owned by him within the said tract, and state his interest therein or his several interests therein (as the case may be). The said description and statement shall in the case of each owner be verified by affidavit of some person cognizant of the facts."

3. Section 10: By striking out from paragraph 8 thereof the words "lawfully in possession or entitled to be in possession of agricultural land" wherever they occur therein and substituting therefor the words "an owner of land within the meaning of *The Irrigation District Act*, 1915".

4. Section 11: By striking out from subsection 1 thereof all words between the word "hereof" and the word "favour" where they occur in that subsection, and substituting therefor the words "shows that a majority composed of at least two-thirds of the persons who have voted is in".

5. Section 24: By striking out the words "six months" where they occur therein, and substituting the words "two years".

6. Section 29: By repealing same, and substituting therefor the following:

"29. Every occupant of Crown lands in respect of which homestead or pre-emption entry has been made shall be personally liable to taxation in respect of the land occupied by him."

7. Section 37: By striking out the word "twenty-five" where it occurs therein, and substituting therefor the word "fifty".

8. Section 44: By striking out the words "lawfully in possession or entitled to be in possession of agricultural land" wherever they occur therein, and substituting therefor the words "an owner of land within the meaning of *The Irrigation District Act, 1915*".

9. By adding as section 69a the following:

"69a. Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Provincial Treasurer may invest from time to time in bonds or debentures of irrigation districts any surplus of the general revenues of the province or any funds of the province which by any Act are made available for this purpose or for the purpose of irrigation works."

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