

# BILL

No. 71 of 1923.

An Act to amend The Improvement District Act.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1923.)

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

**1.** This Act may be cited as "*The Improvement District Act Amendment Act, 1923.*"

**2.** Section 2 of *The Improvement District Act*, being chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is amended—

- (a) by striking out paragraph (f) thereof, and substituting therefor the following:
  - “(f) ‘Improvements’ or ‘buildings and improvements’ shall mean—
    - “(i) all buildings, or any part of any building and all structures, and fixtures, erected upon, in, over, under or affixed to land;
    - “(ii) all structures or fixtures erected upon, in, over, under or affixed to any highway, road, street, lane or public place or water.”
- (b) as to paragraph (i) thereof by striking out the word “include” and substituting therefor the word “mean.”

**3.** Section 9 of the said Act is amended by adding as a proviso thereto the following:

“Provided further that the Lieutenant Governor in Council may in any year and at any time prior to the first day of June of that year, provide by order for the levy of the tax in that year at a lesser rate than five mills in any improvement district or districts specified by the order.”

**4.** Section 10 of the said Act is amended by striking out the words “shall be levied equally” where they occur therein, and substituting therefor the words “shall be levied according to the rate or rates fixed under the provisions of this Act.”

**5.** Section 12 of the said Act is amended as to paragraph (c) thereof by striking out the words "three acres," and substituting therefor the words "eight acres."

**6.** Section 14 of the said Act is amended—

(a) by striking out subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"**14.**—(1) Land shall be assessed at its fair actual value, exclusive of the value of the buildings thereon";

(b) as to subsection (2) thereof by striking out the words "true value," and substituting therefor the words "fair actual value."

**7.** Section 25a is added to the said Act as follows:

"**25a.** The Minister shall in determining all matters brought before him have jurisdiction to determine not only the amount of the assessment, but also all questions as to whether any persons or things are or were assessable, or are or were legally assessed or exempted from assessment."

**8.** Section 29 of the said Act is amended by adding as paragraph (ff) thereof the following:

"(ff) any other rates to be levied under this or any other Act."

**9.** Section 38 of the said Act is amended by striking out all words after the word "taxes," and substituting therefor the words "upon land."

**10.** Section 40 of the said Act is amended as to subsection (3) by striking out paragraph (c) thereof, and substituting therefor the following:

"(c) 'Resident' shall mean any person who has had his home in the improvement district during the six months immediately prior to the date of his receiving assistance from the Minister, or being placed in a hospital, and is not a resident of any town, village, municipal district or other improvement district, or of some place outside the Province."

**11.** Section 41 of the said Act is amended by striking out subsections (6) and (7) thereof, and substituting therefor the following as subsections (6), (7) and (8):

"(6) The Minister may enter into an agreement with any hospital for the care and treatment of its residents, or its indigent residents, for such total sum per year or month, or for such annual, monthly or per diem payment per patient as may be agreed upon, and upon any such agreement being entered into the liability of the Minister shall be determined thereby in lieu of the provisions of this Act.

“(7) No such agreement shall be binding upon the parties thereto until it has received the approval of the Minister of Health.

“(8) Upon entering into any such agreement with a hospital, the Minister shall not be liable to any other hospital except by special agreement.”

**12.** Section 43 of the said Act is amended as to subsection (1) thereof—

- (a) by striking out the words “from the person for whose relief, care or treatment it was paid,” and substituting therefor the words “from any person for whose relief, care or treatment it was paid, or who was legally responsible for the maintenance of the person for whose relief, care or treatment it was paid”;
- (b) by striking out the words “the said patient” where they occur therein, and substituting therefor the words “the said person.”

**13.** Section 44 of the said Act is amended by adding after the words “aid to sick persons” where they occur therein the words “or indigents.”

**14.** Section 48a is added to the said Act as follows:

“**48a.** The Minister shall make provision for the payment of costs and other charges for any and all of the following, and the Minister of Public Works shall, upon direction of the Minister, pay such costs and charges out of the funds of the improvement districts concerned—

- “(a) payments under *The Mothers' Allowance Act*;
- “(b) Payments under *The Workmen's Compensation Act*;
- “(c) payments under *The Agricultural Pests Act*;
- “(d) payments under *The Noxious Weeds Act*.”

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