

BILL No. 57 OF 1925.

A BILL TO AMEND THE DRAINAGE DISTRICTS
ACT, 1921.

NOTE

This Bill provides for the following things which have been found desirable in the course of operating the drainage districts, and which the Act at present does not provide for :

- (a) To simplify the procedure in connection with annual election of trustee by providing for nominations at the annual meeting of voters and by giving notice of the nominations along with the notice of the meeting, thus doing away with expense of newspaper publications (Section 2) ;
- (b) to clear up a little confusion as to the annual election procedure where more than one vacancy is to be filled (Section 3) ;
- (c) to provide definitely for audit, which is only by inference at present, and to permit audit by the Provincial Auditor if deemed desirable (Section 4) ;
- (d) to provide for reserve bid on lands offered for sale at public auction (Section 5).

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill and is offered merely as a partial explanation of some of its provisions.)

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An Act to amend The Drainage Districts Act, 1921.

(Assented to _____, 1925.)

HIS 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 Drainage Districts Act, 1921, Amendment Act, 1925.*"

2. *The Drainage Districts Act, 1921*, being chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is amended by striking out section 28a, and substituting therefor the following:

"28a.—(1) The secretary shall at least two weeks prior to the last day of January in each year send by registered mail to each voter of the district, or cause to be posted up in at least five conspicuous places in the district, notice of the annual meeting in the following form:

"NOTICE.

"Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the voters of the..... Drainage District will be held at

(Description of place.)

on the.....day of January A.D. 19..., ato'clock....., for the purpose of receiving the auditor's report of the finances of the district up to the preceding 31st day of December and for the purpose of receiving the reports of the secretary-treasurer and trustees of the district.

"Take notice further, that nominations for..... places on the board of trustees of the district will be received by the secretary at the said meeting and for one week thereafter. The nominations must be in the form set out in the form BB in the schedule to *The Drainage Districts Act, 1921*, and such forms may be obtained from the secretary at the said meeting. (If more than one vacancy is to be filled, set forth here particulars of each and direct that nominations must be made separately for each vacancy.)

"Dated at.....this.....day of.....A.D. 19....

.....
Secretary.'

"(2) Such notice shall be mailed or posted up as the case * may be at least seven clear days before the date fixed for such meeting."

3. Section 31 of the said Act is amended as follows:

- (a) As to subsection (1) thereof: By striking out the words "the vacancies" where they occur therein, and substituting therefor the words "any vacancy."
- (b) By adding as subsection (3) thereof the following:
 "(3) If there is voting for more than one vacancy there shall be a separate ballot for each vacancy."

4. Section 56a is added to the said Act as follows:

"56a. The board shall at its first meeting in each year or within two months thereafter appoint one or more auditors, but no one who then or during the preceding year is or was a member of the board or is or was secretary-treasurer or who has or had during the preceding year directly or indirectly, alone or with any other person, a share or interest in any contract or employment with or on behalf of the board, except as auditor, shall be so appointed;

"Provided, that the books and records of the board shall at all times be subject to examination and audit by the Provincial Auditor, and by such other persons as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize in that behalf."

5. Section 155o of the said Act is amended by adding thereto as subsection (4) thereof the following:

"(4) The board shall fix a minimum price for each parcel of land by way of a reserve bid."

6. The schedule to the said Act is amended by adding as form BB the following:

"FORM BB.

"(Section 28a.)

"NOMINATION PAPER FOR ANNUAL ELECTION.

"We, the undersigned voters within the meaning of *The Drainage Districts Act, 1921*, in the..... Drainage District, hereby nominate.....

.....
(Name, residence and occupation of person nominated.)
 a person eligible to hold office as trustee under the provisions of *The Drainage Districts Act, 1921*, as candidate for the election now to be held for trustee of the said district, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of.....

.....
(or as the case may be).

"Witness our hands this..... day of A.D. 19... *(to be signed by ten voters of the district).*"

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