

BILL

No. 47 of 1928.

An Act to amend The Municipal Hospitals Act.

(Assented to _____, 1928.)

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 Municipal Hospitals Act Amendment Act, 1928.*"

2. *The Municipal Hospitals Act*, being chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is amended as to section 3 thereof, by striking out of the proviso to subsection (2) thereof the word "majority" and substituting therefor the words "two-thirds."

3. Section 4 of the said Act is amended as to subsection (1) thereof, by adding after the words "any hospital district" where they occur in the first proviso thereto, the words "whether established or not, and whether the scheme thereof has been approved or not."

4. Section 4a is added to the said Act immediately after section 4 thereof, as follows:

"4a. If at any time a plebiscite is taken as to the addition of any lands to a hospital district or of the detachment of any lands from a hospital district, and it appears as a result of such plebiscite that at least two-thirds of the voters who have voted on the question in any municipal district, township or other area have voted in favour of the addition or detachment, as the case may be, the Minister may include such area in the district or detach it therefrom, as the case may be."

5. Section 16 of the said Act is amended by adding thereto as subsections (2) and (3) thereof, the following:

"(2) Every scheme shall make provision for extending hospital services at the minimum rate, to male persons who have worked for and resided with farmers resident in the hospital district, liable to hospital taxation, for a stated period during the six months immediately preceding the receipt of hospital treatment. The scheme shall not require that such work and residence shall be for a period greater than three months.

“(3) In the case of any scheme prepared between April 16th, 1919, and March 28th, 1922, the Board shall, with the approval of the Minister, have power at any time, and without any further or other authority, to add to its scheme a provision for the building, purchase or renting of suitable buildings, for a sub-hospital and the equipment of the same for hospital purposes.”

6. Section 17 of the said Act is amended by striking out subsection (1) thereof, and substituting therefor the following:

“17.—(1) No person taxable in any city, town, village or hamlet shall receive during any year hospital services at a minimum rate unless prior to a date in such year to be fixed by the Board he pays a sum of money to the Board which, together with the amount paid by him as hospital taxes for the preceding year, such city, town, village or hamlet having been then included in a hospital district, or which would have been so paid if such city, town, village or hamlet had been so included, equals the sum fixed as an annual payment with regard to persons other than hospital supporters by an agreement entered into with individuals under section 16 and subsection (3) of section 28 of this Act, or if there is no scheme or no annual payment fixed therein, the sum of six dollars:

“Provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to persons who receive treatment under the terms of an agreement made under *The Hospitals Act*.”

7. Section 22 of the said Act is struck out and the following substituted therefor:

“22.—(1) 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.

“(2) 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.

“(3) The date fixed for the poll shall be within one month from the date of the approval aforesaid, unless the Minister otherwise directs.

“(4) The persons entitled to vote at a poll to ratify or reject a hospital scheme shall be—

“(a) all persons whose names appear upon the district list hereinafter provided for;

“(b) all persons who on the day of the poll subscribe the declaration set out in form D in the schedule to this Act.

“(5) The ballot shall be in the following form:

ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF THE HOSPITAL SCHEME?	
YES	
NO	

“(6) If the voter is in favour of the hospital scheme he shall make the mark **X** in the upper right hand blank space which appears opposite the word ‘Yes.’

“(7) If the voter is against the scheme, he shall make the mark **X** in the lower right hand blank space which appears opposite the word ‘No’.”

8. Section 26 of the said Act is struck out and the following substituted therefor:

“**26.**—(1) If at least two-thirds of the voters voting on the question vote in favour of the scheme, it shall be thereby ratified and if less than two-thirds of such voters vote in favour of the scheme, it shall be rejected.

“(2) If a majority of the voters voting thereon, vote in favour of the scheme, the Board may at any time, re-submit the original scheme, or submit an amended scheme with the approval of the Minister, for the purpose of obtaining the ratification or rejection of the said original or substituted scheme.

“(3) The returning officer shall, at a time and place to be named by him, sum up the number of votes cast for or against the hospital scheme, and shall then and there declare the result, and shall forthwith certify to the Minister, the total number of voters voting and the number of voters voting for and against the scheme, respectively, in each polling division.

“(4) If a majority of the voters voting, vote in favour of the scheme, the Board may, pending the re-submission of the scheme, borrow from a bank or any person, a sufficient sum of money to defray the expenses lawfully incurred by it in complying with the provisions of this Act.

“(5) In the event of a second poll for the purpose of obtaining a ratification or rejection of the original or amended scheme not being taken within twelve months from the first submission of the original scheme, and also in the event of the scheme being rejected at any such poll, the scheme shall be deemed to have been rejected, and the district to have been disestablished, and the Board shall proceed under the provisions of section 31 of this Act.”

9. Section 26*a* is added to the said Act immediately after section 26, as follows:

"26*a*.—(1) At any time prior to the submission of an amended scheme, the Minister may of his own motion, detach any territory from the area set out in the original scheme.

"(2) This section shall have effect as from April 2nd, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven."

10. Section 40 of the said Act is amended by adding thereto the following proviso:

"Provided, however, that the Board may at any time, with the approval of the Minister, make alterations, improvements or additions to its hospital buildings, lands or equipment and in particular may provide a nurses' home, if it has in hand sufficient money to pay for any such alteration, improvement, addition or home, and may without submitting a plebiscite, issue debentures for the amount of such expenditure, but shall not sell any such debentures until it has received the permission of the Minister."

11. Section 52 of the said Act is amended as to subsection (4) thereof, by adding thereto the following: "or may at any time, direct each contributing council to appoint the proper number of members allocated to it under the provisions of this Act, and in the event of so directing, shall himself appoint the members of the Board allocated to any improvement district or part thereof, and the Board so constituted shall hold office in lieu of the administrator until a new Board can be elected under the provisions of this Act."

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