Bill No. 32 of 1932.

A BILL TO AMEND THE JUVENILE COURTS ACT.

NOTE.

The amendments made by section 2 of the Bill are made necessary by the substitution of *The Child Welfare Act* for *The Children's Protection Act of Alberta*.

Section 3 of the Bill provides for the appointment of Judges of Juvenile Courts by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and empowers any police magistrate or justice of the peace to act as a Juvenile Court Judge when requested so to do by the Attorney General or by the Superintendent of Child Welfare. Under the existing provisions, commissioners under *The Children's Protection Act of Alberta* exercise this jurisdiction; Police Magistrates, District Court and Supreme Court Judges are ex officio judges; and any justice of the peace may act as a Juvenile Court Judge upon the request in writing of the Attorney General or of the Superintendent.

Section 4 of the Bill makes necessary amendments in view of the substitution of *The Juvenile Delinquents Act*, 1929, for *The Juvenile Delinquents Act*, 1908.

Section 5 of the Bill provides that the Superintendent or any inspector may act as Clerk of any Juvenile Court.

Section 6 of the Bill provides for the appointment of probation officers in cities or towns of 5,000 population or over.

Section 7 of the Bill corrects the reference to The Juvenile Delinquents Act.

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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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No. 32 of 1932.

An Act to amend The Juvenile Courts Act.

(Assented to

, 1932.)

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 Juvenile Courts Act Amendment Act, 1932."
- 2. The Juvenile Courts Act, being chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is hereby amended by striking out the words "Superintendent of Neglected Children" where the same occur therein, and by substituting therefor the words "Superintendent of Child Welfare"; and by striking out the words "The Children's Protection Act of Alberta" where the same occur therein, and by substituting therefor the words "The Child Welfare Act."
- **3.** The said Act is further amended as to section 4 thereof by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

"4.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a judge or judges of any such Court and the persons

so appointed shall hold office during pleasure.

- "(2) Any police magistrate or any justice of the peace may, on the written request of the Attorney General or of the Superintendent of Child Welfare, act as Juvenile Court Judge for the trial of any case specified in the said request, and shall, while so acting, have all the powers of a Juvenile Court."
- **4.** The said Act is further amended as to section 5 thereof by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:
- "5. Every Juvenile Court hereunder shall be a Juvenile Court within the meaning and for the purposes of The Juvenile Delinquents Act, 1929, being an Act of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, and shall have all the powers vested in a Juvenile Court under that Act, and shall also have the jurisdiction to hear and determine any charge for any offence against any Statute of the Province preferred against any child who comes within the definition of 'Child' in The Juvenile Delinquents Act, 1929, and any charge under The School Attendance Act preferred against any adult person."

5. The said Act is further amended as to section 6 thereof by striking out subsection (2) thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"(2) The Superintendent of Child Welfare and every inspector appointed under *The Child Welfare Act* may act as Clerk of any Juvenile Court."

- **6.** The said Act is further amended by inserting therein, immediately after section 10 thereof, the following new section:
- "10a. Every city or town of five thousand population or over shall appoint and pay one or more persons to be probation officers for juvenile delinquents within the city or town, and notice of such appointment shall be forthwith given to the Superintendent of Child Welfare."
- **7.** The said Act is further amended as to section 16 thereof by striking out the figures "1908" where the same occur therein and by substituting therefor the figures "1929."

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