BILL

No. 40 of 1934.

An Act to amend The Alberta Election Act.

(Assented to

, 1934.)

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 Alberta Election Act Amendment Act, 1934."
- **2.** The Alberta Election Act, being chapter 34 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1924, is hereby amended by inserting therein, immediately after section 87 thereof, the following new section:
- "87a.—(1) In case it is made to appear to the Returning Officer at any time after nomination day and not later than the second day preceding the day fixed for taking the poll, by the written statement of the Superintendent or other person having the charge of a hospital situate within the electoral division of that Returning Officer, that there are in the hospital not less than twenty patients who are then entitled to vote at the election then being held in the electoral division, the returning officer shall appoint a deputy returning officer and a poll clerk to take a poll of the votes of the patients then being inmates of the hospital but of no other persons whatsoever, and shall fix a period on election day for the taking of the poll, and shall appoint the times at which the poll shall be opened and closed, and during the time fixed for taking the poll the deputy returning officer and poll clerk, accompanied by an officer of the hospital and by the representatives of the candidates (if any), shall attend with a ballot box upon such patients as the Superintendent or other person having charge of the hospital certifies to the deputy returning officer in writing under his hand to be bona fide patients in the hospital and to be well enough to vote, and shall take the votes of any such patient who wishes to vote.
- "(2) Every hospital at which a poll is taken pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be a polling place and all the provisions of sections 61 to 88, both inclusive, of this Act shall *mutatis mutandis* and so far as the same are applicable, apply to the holding of a poll under this section and to all proceedings in connection therewith or incidental thereto.
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 "(3) For the purposes of this section the word 'hospital' includes Sanatoria but does not include any hospital within the meaning of *The Mental Diseases Act* or any hospital within the meaning of *The Mental Defectives Act*."
- 3. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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MR. FARTHING

Third time.....