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No. 94 of 1935.

An Act respecting The Teaching Profession

(Assented to _____, 1935.)

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 Teaching Profession Act, 1935.*"

2.—(1) There is hereby established and constituted under the name of "The Alberta Teachers' Society" a body corporate and politic.

(2) The Society may take any measure not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or of any Act or Regulation of the Province of Alberta, which it deems necessary in order to give effect to any policy adopted by it with respect to any question or matter, directly or indirectly affecting the teaching profession.

3. The objects of the Society shall be:

- (a) To advance and safeguard the cause of education in the Province of Alberta;
- (b) To raise the status of the teaching profession;
- (c) To promote and safeguard the interests of teachers and to secure conditions which will make possible the best professional service;
- (d) To influence public opinion regarding educational problems;
- (e) To co-operate with other teachers' organizations in the provinces of the Dominion of Canada and throughout the world, having the same or like aims and objects.

4.—(1) All persons carrying on the profession of teaching in any institution of the Province of Alberta, supported by provincial or municipal taxation, which maintains a department for giving instruction in the courses of study prescribed for elementary, secondary or technical schools under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education of the Province of Alberta, shall, as a condition of their employment, be members of the Society.

(2) The following persons shall be eligible for membership in the Society: teachers in any Normal School or School of Education; members of the faculty of the University of

Alberta; teachers in any Provincial School of Technology; teachers in any school of Agriculture, teachers in any other educational institution of the Province.

(3) Unemployed teachers who hold a valid certificate of the Minister.

5. The Society shall consist of a federation of local societies and members at large.

6.—(1) The Society in general meeting may pass by-laws not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or of any Act or Regulation of the Province of Alberta respecting—

- (a) the election of the Executive Council and officers of the Society;
- (b) the formation, government, management and dissolution of local societies;
- (c) the management of its property and affairs and its own internal organization and administration;
- (d) the maintenance of the Society and the fixing and collecting of annual and other fees;
- (e) the time, place and conduct of the annual and other meetings of the Society;
- (f) all such other matters as may be deemed necessary or convenient for the management of the Society and the promotion of its welfare or the conduct of its business.

(2) The Society may also amend, alter or repeal any by-law.

(3) No such by-laws or amendments or repeal thereto shall be valid or take effect until approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(4) Such by-laws shall have the force of law as if contained in this Act.

7.—(1) The Society shall be governed by an Annual General Meeting to be held during Easter week of each year, or at such other time as may be deemed expedient by the Executive Council.

(2) The Annual General Meeting shall be composed of the officers, the Executive Council and the delegates from local societies, as provided by the by-laws.

8. The business of the Society shall be transacted and carried on by the Executive Council, to be elected or appointed as provided in the by-laws.

The Executive Council shall be composed of the officers of the Society and at least seven others to be elected by districts.

9. The fees of members of the Society shall be those fixed from time to time by the by-laws.

10.—(1) The trustees of any school district in the Province of Alberta are hereby empowered and on the written authorization of any teacher employed by them may retain from the salary of such teacher the amount of membership dues fixed and prescribed by the Society, and all moneys so retained shall be deemed to be a payment on account of such salary, and shall be deemed to be a payment on account of membership dues by the teachers from whom such sum has been retained.

(2) The Department of Education of the Province of Alberta is hereby empowered and may retain at the end of each school term from the grants payable to each and every school district under *The School Grants Act* (R.S.A. 1922, Chap. 53) in aid of schools organized and conducted under the provisions of *The School Act*, an amount equal to the amount so required and retained by such school district from the salary of the teacher, and to receive and pay over to the Society the moneys so retained on account of membership dues of the teacher from whom the said sums were originally retained, and all moneys so retained and paid over shall be deemed to have been paid over to and received by the school district on account of the aforesaid grants.

11. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to interfere with the rights of Separate Schools as provided in *The School Act*.

12. Every person guilty of violating any provision of this Act or any of the by-laws made thereunder shall be liable to a fine of not more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) recoverable with costs under the provisions of the law respecting summary convictions.

13. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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