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No. 85 of 1938.

An Act to Provide the Realization of the Social Credit of Alberta.

(Assented to

, 1938.)

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 Social Credit Realization Act."
 - 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (a) "Board" means The Social Credit Board constituted by this Act;
 - (b) "Minister" means the Minister of Trade and Industry;
 - (c) "Policy" means the measures and line of conduct conducive to the realization of Social Credit in the Province;
 - (d) "Social Credit" means the power resulting from the belief inherent within society that its individual members in association can gain the objective they desire.
- 3. The Minister is hereby charged with the general administration of this Act.
- 4.—(1) There is hereby constituted a Board to be known as "The Social Credit Board" which shall consist of the following members of the Legislative Assembly, namely, G. L. MacLachlan, M.L.A.; F. M. Baker, M.L.A.; Dr. J. L. McPherson, M.L.A.; W. E. Hayes, M.L.A., and A. J. Hooke, M.L.A., of whom the first named shall be the Chairman.
- (2) In case any vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, the remaining members shall constitute the Board.
- 5. The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to devise ways and means for the evaluation, conservation, enhancement, advancement and realization of the Social Credit of the People of the Province, and without in any way derogating from the generality of the foregoing, the Board is empowered,—

- (a) to consider, formulate and adopt policies and for that purpose to make such enquiries and investigations as the Board may deem necessary or desirable, and to recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council the adoption of such policies as to the Board seems from time to time to be advisable;
- (b) to formulate and with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council to adopt and carry out such measures as the Board from time to time considers advisable for the purpose of affording to the people of the Province authoritative information as to any policy adopted by the Board and as to the measures being taken for the realization of any such policy;
- (c) to formulate and with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council to adopt and carry out such measures as appear to the Board to be advisable for the purpose of counteracting any action or influence likely to impair or jeopardize the Social Credit of the Province or any policy adopted for the realization of the Social Credit of the people of the Province or the realization of such Social Credit;
- (d) With the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council to enter into agreements for the use of any facilities for the public distribution of information or instruction required by the Board for the purpose of informing or educating the people of the Province as to any policy of the Board or any matter or thing relating or incidental thereto;
- (e) to seek for and obtain advice and assistance from any person in any place in relation to the exercise by the Board of any of the powers and duties conferred or imposed by this Act upon the Board, and for that purpose with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, to make such journeys as may be necessary;
- (f) with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council to appoint such technicians, special examiners, statisticians, clerks and other employees as may be required by the Board from time to time for the proper exercise of its powers and duties and to fix the remuneration and prescribe the duties of any person so appointed;
- (g) to make such rules and regulations as to the manner in which the business and affairs shall be conducted, and as to the manner in which persons employed by the Board shall discharge their duties and functions.
- 6. A quorum of the Board shall be three members thereof.
- 7. The Board shall keep records of all its business and transactions and for that purpose shall appoint a secretary, who may or may not be a member of the Board.

- 8. The Board may by resolution from time to time, delegate to any member or members thereof designated therein, any power or duty by this Act conferred upon the Board specified therein, and may by resolution cancel such delegation; and so long as such delegation remains uncancelled the member or members so designated shall in respect of such specified powers and duties have the same powers as the Board, provided always that each such member shall whenever required by the Board and in any event before the tenth day of January in each year, make a report in writing as to all things done by him in the exercise of any power so delegated to him.
- 9. The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Board and shall have the general supervision of the activities of the Board.
- 10. The Board shall from time to time appoint one of its members as the Vice-chairman thereof and the Vice-chairman shall, in the absence of the Chairman or if any vacancy occurs in the office of Chairman, have and exercise all the powers and duties by this Act conferred upon the Chairman.
- 11. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall sign all minutes of the proceedings at all Board meetings.
- 12. The Board shall, for all the purposes of section 14 of *The Legislative Assembly Act*, be deemed to be a committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly and as such entitled to receive such sums for travelling expenses and subsistence as the member of a committee so appointed is entitled to receive under the said section.
- 13. For the purpose of making any enquiry which the Board is authorized by this Act to make, the Board and any member of the Board authorized by the Board to make any such enquiry, shall have the same power to take evidence on oath and to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents as may be conferred upon a commissioner appointed pursuant to The Public Enquiries Act.
- 14. The expenditures incurred by the Board pursuant to this Act shall be paid out of such sums as may be from time to time appropriated by vote of the Legislative Assembly for that purpose and all vouchers for the payment of such expenditures shall be certified by the Chairman.
- **15.** All employees of the Board other than temporary employees shall be deemed to be employees as defined by and for all the purposes of *The Public Service Act* and *The Superannuation Act* and shall be subject to and entitled to all the benefits of the provisions of the last mentioned Act.

- 16. In any case where any conflict arises between any provision of this Act and any provisions of any other Act of the Province, the provisions of this Act shall prevail.
- 17. No provision of this Act shall be so construed as to authorize the doing of any act or thing which is not within the legislative competence of the Legislature of the Province.
- 18. The Board shall immediately after the end of each year prepare and adopt a report as to the activities of the Board during that year and the Chairman shall submit such report to the Legislative Assembly at the Session thereof held in the year next after the year to which the report relates, during such Session.
- ${\bf 19.}\,$ This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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