

Bill No. 52 of 1939.

A BILL TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL HOSPITALS
ACT, 1929.

NOTE.

This Bill makes a number of amendments to *The Municipal Hospitals Act, 1929*.

Section 11 is amended so as to permit a scheme to provide that a ratepayer shall not be entitled to the benefits conferred upon a hospital supporter unless the tax in any year paid by him is not less than an amount fixed by the Board as a minimum; and in case the Board has fixed a minimum and has also fixed a date by which the minimum is to be paid in any year unless payment has been made by that date of an amount not less than the minimum payable by him in the year in which such date was fixed and in and for each subsequent year.

Section 29 is amended to provide that the expense of taking any vote for any addition to or detachment from a hospital district shall be paid by the municipality or improvement district or part thereof in which the vote is taken.

New section 31a provides for the selection of members of a hospital board to represent municipalities in which an administrator has been substituted for the council; in such cases the selection may be made at meetings held in such places, in such manner and attended by such persons as the Minister may by order direct, or in the alternative by an election.

Section 47 is amended so as to require a Board to furnish the Minister with a monthly report as to the conduct, operation and affairs of its hospital for the preceding month with such particulars as may be prescribed by the Minister.

The same section is further amended as to the allowances payable to a Board member for attending meetings of the Board by providing that no allowance shall be made for meetings in any year in excess of twelve unless such meetings are held with the approval of the Minister.

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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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An Act to Amend The Municipal Hospitals Act, 1929.

(Assented to _____, 1939.)

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, 1929, Amendment Act, 1939.*"

2. *The Municipal Hospitals Act, 1929*, being chapter 33 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1929, is hereby amended as to section 11 by inserting therein immediately after subsection (2) the following new subsections:

"(2) Any scheme may provide that no ratepayer shall be entitled to any of the benefits conferred by this Act upon a hospital supporter unless,—

"(a) the amount of all the taxes payable by the ratepayer for hospital taxes in any year is not less than such sum as is fixed as a minimum sum for that year by the Board;

"(b) in case the Board has fixed the minimum amount payable by a ratepayer for hospital taxes and has also fixed a date before which the minimum amounts so fixed are to be paid, the ratepayer pays before such date to the Board an amount not less than the amount of the minimum amount or amounts so fixed and payable by him in the year in which such date was fixed and in or for each subsequent year.

"(2a) Any scheme may provide that every person who is of the full age of twenty-one years and who is a resident of the hospital district, and has been so resident for a continuous period of six months and is gainfully employed shall pay a minimum annual hospital tax, and fix the amount of the tax to be so paid, and may fix a date by which such tax shall be paid, and may provide that in case any such resident has not paid all such taxes payable by him before the last preceding date so fixed he shall not be entitled to any of the benefits conferred by this Act on a hospital supporter."

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 29 by striking out subsection (8) and by substituting therefor the following:

“(8) The expenditures incurred in taking any vote under this section shall be paid by the municipality or improvement district in which the vote is taken and if the vote is taken in more than one municipality or improvement district then by each municipality or improvement district in which the vote was taken in that proportion which the amount of the last requisition made upon that municipality or improvement district bears to the total of all the requisitions last made upon all the municipalities or improvement districts in which such vote is taken.”

4. The said Act is further amended as to section 31a by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

“31a.—(1) In any municipality in which an administrator appointed pursuant to *The Department of Municipal Affairs Act* is substituted for the Council thereof, the Minister may by order direct that a meeting or meetings be held of all persons entitled to vote pursuant to section 36 of this Act, at such time or times, at such place or places, and in such manner as the Minister may direct for the purpose of selecting in such manner as the Minister may direct one or more persons to represent the municipality or part thereof included in the hospital district upon the Board, and upon any persons so selected being approved by the Minister, they shall be the representatives of the municipality or part thereof on the Board, and shall hold office for such term as may be fixed by the Minister, or instead of so doing the Minister may provide for the election of one or more persons as members of the Board for such municipality by the persons entitled to vote therein as set out in section 36 hereof, and may direct that the election shall be at large or may divide the municipality into electoral divisions, and that one member shall be elected for each such division, and may prescribe as to the date for nomination and the date of holding the election, appoint returning officers and deputy returning officers.

“(2) Sections 31 and 41 both inclusive of this Act, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, be applicable to all elections held pursuant to this section.”

5. The said Act is further amended as to section 47,—

(a) by inserting therein immediately after subsection (9) the following new subsection:

“(9a) The Board shall cause the superintendent, or if there be no superintendent, the matron of the hospital, to furnish the secretary-treasurer not later than the tenth day of each month with a report as to the conduct, operation and affairs of the hospital during the preceding month, which report shall set out such matters and such particulars as may be from time to time prescribed by the Minister; the secretary-treasurer shall immediately

upon the receipt of any such report transmit a copy thereof to the Minister and shall submit to the Board all reports so made at the next meeting thereof held after the receipt by him thereof."

- (b) by striking out the proviso to subsection (15) and by substituting therefor the following:

"Provided always that no allowance shall be paid to any member in respect of any meetings in excess of twelve in any one year unless such meetings are held with the approval of the Minister."

6. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to, and upon it so coming into force, section 2 hereof shall be deemed to have been in force at all times from and after the thirty-first day of December, 1938.

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