

Bill No. 73 of 1941.

A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUSPENSION OF
CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS CALLING INTO QUES-
TION THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT
ADJUSTMENT ACT

NOTE.

This Bill introduces a new Act.

At present there is a considerable number of cases pending determination by the Courts in which the validity of *The Debt Adjustment Act* has been raised. It is impracticable for the Government to be represented at all of these actions. Much needless time and expense will be saved if all of these actions are temporarily suspended while the entire question of validity is referred to the Supreme Court of Alberta under the provisions of *The Constitutional Questions Act*. The question may be fully considered in this one reference and the one decision will be binding upon all parties concerned.

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Acting Legislative Counsel.

(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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No. 73 of 1941.

An Act to Provide for the suspension of Certain Proceedings Calling into question the Validity of the Debt Adjustment Act.

(Assented to _____, 1941.)

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 Legal Proceedings Suspension Act, 1941.*"

2. All proceedings in every civil action or matter which is, at the time of the coming into force of this Act, pending in any court of the Province in which action or matter there has been raised or put in issue, either by a plaintiff or a defendant, the validity of *The Debt Adjustment Act, 1937*, being chapter 9 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1937, are hereby stayed for a period of sixty days from and after the coming into force of this Act:

Provided that if during the said period of sixty days the Lieutenant Governor in Council has referred the constitutional validity of the said Act to the Supreme Court of Alberta for hearing and determination, under the provisions of *The Constitutional Questions Act*, being chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, then upon the making of the said reference the proceedings in each and every of the said actions shall be forever stayed.

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

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