

Bill No. 29 of 1943.

A BILL TO AMEND THE SPECIAL AREAS ACT.

NOTE.

Section 6 transfers to the Minister of Lands and Mines the authority given to the Minister of Municipal Affairs in special areas under *The Improvement Districts Act* and *The Assessment Act*. The purpose of the amendment is to give the Minister of Lands and Mines the power of the Minister of Municipal Affairs under *The Tax Recovery Act* in addition to the power he already has under *The Improvement Districts Act* and *The Assessment Act*, so that all the powers relating to assessment and taxation will be in the one Department.

Section 2 of the Bill amends section 8 by changing semi-annual penalties on arrears of taxes to annual penalties. The date on which the penalty is added is changed from July 1st to April 1st, and the semi-annual penalty of four per cent is changed to an annual penalty of six per cent, or such lesser rate as the Minister may prescribe.

The amendment to section 13 adds to the powers of the Minister the authority to enter into agreements with hospitals and medical practitioners for hospitalization and medical attention to residents of the special area.

The amendment to section 17 authorizes the payment of travelling expenses and subsistence to members of the Advisory Committee in performing duties assigned to them by the Board in addition to attending meetings to which the power to pay expenses is now limited.

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

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An Act to amend The Special Areas Act.

(Assented to _____, 1943.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Special Areas Act*, being chapter 153 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended as to section 6 by striking out subsection (2) thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

“(2) In relation to any special area all the powers, duties, rights and capacities which are by *The Improvement Districts Act*, *The Assessment Act* and *The Tax Recovery Act* vested in or conferred or imposed upon the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs or the Department of Municipal Affairs, shall be vested in, conferred upon and imposed upon the Minister of Lands and Mines, the Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines or the Department of Lands and Mines, as the case may be, as if the last mentioned Minister, Deputy Minister or Department had been named therein.”

2. The said Act is further amended as to section 8 by striking out subsection (2) thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

“(2) If, after the thirty-first day of March in any year, any taxes which became due and payable in the preceding year remain unpaid, there shall be added thereto by way of a penalty six per cent, or such lesser rate as the Minister may prescribe, on the first day of April in that year and each succeeding year so long as the taxes remain unpaid, and every amount so added shall form a part of the taxes which are created a special lien upon the land under the provisions of *The Improvement Districts Act*.”

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 13 by striking out paragraph (m) thereof and adding after paragraph (l) the following new paragraphs:

“(m) to enter into any agreement or agreements with the board or governing body of any hospital within the meaning of *The Hospitals Act* for the provision of hospital facilities for the residents of any special area;

- “(n) to enter into agreements with medical practitioners for the supplying of medical care and attention to the residents of a special area;
- “(o) to do all such things as are requisite or incidental to the exercise of any power conferred by this Act.”

4. The said Act is further amended as to section 17 by striking out subsection (2) thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

“(2) The Minister may by order provide for the constitution in any special area of an Advisory Committee consisting of such persons elected in such manner and by such persons and in such localities as he may prescribe, who shall hold office for such term as he may prescribe, and the functions of the committee shall be to confer with and advise the Board as to matters affecting the special area for which it is constituted, and it shall meet when called by the Board; the members of the committee shall serve without remuneration but shall be entitled to reasonable travelling and subsistence expenses, to be fixed by the Minister, incurred in attending meetings called by the Board, and in performing such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Board.”

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

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