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GEORGII V REGIS.

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No. 1497.

An Act to make better provision for the Control and Management of the Adelaide Hospital, and for other purposes.

[Assented to, December 7th, 1921.]

BE it Enacted by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited alone as the "Hospitals Act Amendment Act, 1921." Short titles.

(2) The Hospitals Acts, 1867 to 1912, and this Act may be cited together as the "Hospitals Acts, 1867 to 1921".

2. This Act is incorporated with the other Acts mentioned in section 1 of this Act, and those Acts and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation with other Acts.

Adelaide Hospital.

3. (1) The Hospitals Act Amendment Act, 1884, is hereby repealed. Repeal of Act No. 308 of 1884.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, the members of the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital in office at the time of the passing of this Act shall remain in office until the expiration of the term for which they were appointed.

4. In this Act "Board" means the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital constituted as provided by this Act. Interpretation.

5. From

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Board of Management
of Adelaide Hospital
to consist of three
members.

5. From the expiration of the term of office of the members of the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital in office at the time of the passing of this Act, the said Board of Management shall consist of—

- (a) the Inspector-General of Hospitals, who shall be the Chairman of the Board; and
- (b) two other members to be appointed by the Governor.

Tenure of office.

6. (1) Each member of the Board appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for a term of three years, and may, from time to time, at the expiration of his term of office, be reappointed for a further term of three years.

(2) Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of either of such members, whether by the expiration of the member's term of office or otherwise, the Governor shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy: Provided that the member appointed to fill a vacancy caused otherwise than by the expiration of the term of office of a member shall hold office only for the unexpired portion of the term of office of the member in whose place he is appointed, and any retiring member shall hold office until his successor is appointed.

Casual vacancies.

7. In addition to the retirement of members by the expiration of their terms of office, the seat of a member appointed for a term only shall become vacant on—

- (a) his death, lunacy, or insolvency, or his executing a statutory deed of assignment for the benefit of his creditors, or compounding with his creditors for less than Twenty Shillings in the Pound, or his being convicted of an indictable offence; or
- (b) his resignation by notice in writing posted or delivered to the Chairman; or
- (c) his absence from three consecutive meetings of the Board without the leave of the Board.

Defects in appointment not to invalidate proceedings of Board.

8. (1) No act or proceeding of the Board shall be invalid or illegal in consequence only of the number of the members of the Board not being complete at the time of such act or proceeding.

(2) All acts and proceedings of the Board shall, notwithstanding the discovery of any defect in the appointment of any member thereof, or that any member was disqualified or disentitled to act, be as valid as if such member had been duly appointed and was qualified and entitled to be and to act, and had acted, as a member of the Board, and as if the Board had been properly and fully constituted.

Chairman.

9. (1) The Chairman, when present, shall preside at every meeting of the Board. In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting another member, chosen for the purpose, shall preside.

(2) The person presiding for the time being shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

10. Any

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10. Any two members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board. Quorum.

11. (1) Each member of the Board shall be entitled to a fee of Two Guineas for every meeting of the Board attended by him at which a quorum is present: Provided that no member shall be entitled to fees exceeding One Hundred and Four Guineas for meetings attended during any financial year. Members to be remunerated by fees.

(2) Each member shall also be reimbursed any expenses incurred by him in the exercise of his office.

12. (1) The Board shall annually make and furnish the Minister with a report on their administration under this Act, and such other matters as the Minister directs; and shall at all times furnish the Minister with such other reports, and such estimates, accounts, vouchers, and documents relating to such administration, as the Minister requires of them. Reports by the Board.

(2) The Minister, on receipt of such annual report, may publish the same in the *Government Gazette*, or in any other manner which he deems proper, and such report shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as early as practicable.

13. (1) The Adelaide Hospital is hereby declared to be a school of medical and dental instruction in connection with the University of Adelaide, and any person who has been admitted as a student of the said University, and is studying in the Medical Course or the Dental Course thereof, shall be entitled to attend at the Adelaide Hospital for instruction in connection with such course, subject to any statutes and regulations made by the Council of the said University and any rules and regulations made by the Board. Adelaide Hospital to be Medical and Dental School in connection with Adelaide University.

(2) The provisions contained in the Adelaide University Act relating to statutes and regulations and to the making and effect thereof shall apply to all statutes and regulations made by the said Council under this section and to the making and effect thereof. No. 20 of 1874.

14. (1) There shall be an Advisory Committee for the purpose of advising and assisting the Council of the University of Adelaide and the Board with respect to any matter concerning the Medical Course and the Dental Course of the said University and the attendance and instruction at the Adelaide Hospital of students in the said Courses. Advisory Committee to co-operate with University and Hospital.

(2) The Committee shall consist of seven members, who shall be appointed by the Governor after being respectively nominated as follows, namely:—

One shall be nominated by the Council of the University of Adelaide:

One shall be nominated by the Faculty of Medicine of the said University:

One shall be nominated by the Faculty of Dentistry of the said University:

Two

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Two shall be nominated by the Board:

Two shall be nominated by the members of the Honorary Medical Staff of the Adelaide Hospital.

(3) When a vacancy occurs on the Committee, whether by the expiration of a member's term of office or otherwise, the Governor shall, after nomination as hereinafter mentioned, appoint a member to fill the vacancy. The nomination of the member so appointed to fill the vacancy shall be made by the body or persons who nominated the member in whose place such member is appointed.

(4) Every nomination shall be made in manner prescribed.

(5) The provisions of sections 6 to 9 (both inclusive) of this Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in respect of the Committee: Provided that—

i. the Chairman shall be the member elected to that office by the Committee; and

ii. any four members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Committee.

Official visitors.
Cf. Mental Defectives Act, 1913, s. 32.

15. (1) The Governor may appoint for the Adelaide Hospital three or more official visitors, at least two of whom shall be women.

(2) An official visitor shall be appointed for a term of one year, and may from time to time at the expiration of his term of office be reappointed for a further term of one year: Provided that he has during such term made at least twelve visits in his official capacity to the Adelaide Hospital.

Official visitors not competent to hold inquiries on patients.
Cf. *ibid.*, s. 33.

16. An official visitor shall not have jurisdiction to hold any inquest or inquiry, as a Coroner or as a Justice, concerning the death of any patient of the Adelaide Hospital.

Functions of, and reports by, official visitors.
Cf. *ibid.*, s. 34.

17. The official visitors shall and may discharge and exercise all such powers and duties as are conferred or imposed upon them by regulations made under this Act, and shall report to the Minister at such times, in such manner, and on such matters, as the Minister from time to time directs.

Inspector-General of Hospitals.

Functions of Inspector-General of Hospitals with respect to public hospitals.

18. The Inspector-General of Hospitals shall have and may exercise, with respect to public hospitals, such duties and powers as are imposed or conferred upon him by this Act or any other Act or by the Governor.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

W. E. G. A. WEIGALL, Governor.