

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,  
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Hon. Mr. Young.

HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1926. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 5 1. This Act may be cited as the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Act, 1928, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1926 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.
- 10 2. (1) Section thirty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection one, and substituting the following subsection:—  
“ (1) During the month of June, or as soon thereafter as may be, in each alternate year the Board shall elect one of its members to be the Chairman of the Board.” Alteration of date of election of Chairman of Hospital Board.
- 15 (2) The first biennial election of Chairman to be held by any Board in accordance with section thirty-one of the principal Act, as amended by the last preceding subsection, shall be held in the month of June of the year nineteen hundred and thirty.
- 20 3. (1) Moneys borrowed by way of bank overdraft pursuant to subsection two of section sixty of the principal Act shall for the purposes of the Local Government Loans Board Act, 1926, be deemed to be borrowed in anticipation of revenue, and may be expended either for maintenance or for capital purposes. The said subsection is hereby consequentially amended by omitting the words “For the purpose of meeting ordinary recurrent expenditure.” Section 60 of principal Act (as to borrowing-powers) amended.
- 25 (2) Section sixty of the principal Act is hereby further amended by omitting from subsection three the words “eight to twelve,” and substituting the words “nine to thirteen.” Correction of reference.

Section 92 of principal Act (as to relief granted by Board to non-residents) amended.

4. Section ninety-two of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

- (a) By inserting after the words “from any separate institution situated in that or any other district” in subsection seven, the words “or from any private charitable institution”; and 5
- (b) By inserting after subsection seven the following new subsection:—

“(7A) For the purposes of the last preceding subsection, an institution established by any person or persons (whether corporate or unincorporate) shall be deemed to be a private charitable institution if the Minister certifies that, in his opinion, its object or one of its objects is to afford relief to the aged, sick, or needy, either without charge or for an inadequate charge.” 10

Sale of unclaimed personal property in possession of Board.

5. (1) If the owner of any personal property that has been left for not less than *two* years in the possession of a Board or the trustees of any separate institution is not known or cannot be found, the Board or the trustees may, with the prior consent of the Minister, publicly notify by advertisement in one or more newspapers circulating in the district that, unless in the meantime such personal property is claimed and any charges thereon paid, it will be sold by public auction at a place and on a day to be named in the notice, being not earlier than *one* month after the date of the first publication thereof. 20

(2) If such property is not claimed before the day named in the notice as aforesaid, it may be sold in terms of such notice, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid into and form part of the funds of the Board or trustees, as the case may be: 25

Provided that any person who may thereafter establish the fact that at the time of sale he had a lawful claim to the property so sold shall be entitled to recover from the Board or the trustees, as a debt due to him, the amount so paid into the funds of the Board or trustees in respect of the proceeds of any such sale. 30

6. Clause three of the Fourth Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

- (a) By inserting after the words “the net estimated expenditure of the Board for maintenance purposes for that year” in sub-clause two, the words “(exclusive of any amount payable to the Consolidated Fund, in accordance with clause eight hereof, as a set-off against an excess of subsidy paid for the preceding year)”: 35

- (b) By inserting after the words “the net estimated expenditure of the Board for maintenance purposes for that year” in sub-clause three, the words “(increased by any amount payable out of the Consolidated Fund, in accordance with clause seven hereof, in satisfaction of a deficiency of subsidy paid for the preceding year).” 40 45

Modification of rules for computation of subsidies to ensure that subsidy shall in no case be less than 14s. or exceed 26s. for every £1 of levy made by any Board on account of expenditure for its own purposes.