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[CONFIDENTIAL]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1928.

A BILL

To enable the Fire Brigades Act, 1909-1927, to be applied to irrigation areas; to make provision for the payment of contributions to the Fund established under the said Act in respect of such areas and the levying of rates in respect thereof; to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909-1927, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Fire Brigades Short title.
(Irrigation Areas) Act, 1928."

(2) The Fire Brigades Act, 1909-1927, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Fire Brigades Act, 1909-1928.

2. The Fire Brigades Act, 1909-1927, is amended—

Amendment of Act No. 9, 1909, as amended by subsequent Acts.

(a) by inserting next after paragraph (c) of subsection one of section four the following new paragraph :—

Sec. 4 (1).

(Application of Act.)

(d) such irrigation area or such part of any such area as the Governor on the recommendation of the board by proclamation in the Gazette applies its provisions. The name of such area or part shall be deemed to be placed in Part II of Schedule One ;

(b) (i) by omitting from the definition of fire district in section five all the words after the word "means" and by inserting in lieu of the omitted words the words "a fire district constituted by or in pursuance of this Act";

Sec. 5.

(Definitions.)

(ii) by inserting in the same section, in appropriate positions having regard to alphabetical sequence, the following new definitions :—

"Irrigation area" means an irrigation area constituted under the Irrigation Act, 1912-1926.

"The Commission" means the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission constituted under the Irrigation Act, 1912-1926.

(c) (i) by inserting in section six next after the words "of a fire district" the words "The foregoing provision shall extend to an irrigation area or part to which this Act applies.";

Sec. 6.

(Fire districts.)

(ii) by inserting in the same section next after the words "affected thereby" the words "or the Commission";

(iii)

- (iii) by inserting in the same section next after the words "or shire" the words "or irrigation area or part to which this Act applies";
- (d) (i) by inserting at the end of subsection two of section nine the words "and the Commission" Sec. 9. (Election of board.);
- (ii) (a) by inserting in subsection three of the same section after the words "one thousand pounds shall have four votes" the following paragraph:—
 "The Commission shall for the purpose of this subsection be deemed to be a council of a municipality";
 (b) by omitting the proviso to the same subsection.
- (iii) by omitting from subsection five of the same section the word "such" where that word secondly occurs and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "each";
- (e) by omitting from section ten the words "by the councils of municipalities or municipalities and shires" Sec. 10. (Extraordinary vacancy.) and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "under subsection one or subsection two of section nine";
- (f) by omitting from subsection one of section nineteen the words "or shire" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "shire or irrigation area" Sec. 19. (Duties of board.);
- (g) by omitting from subsection one of section twenty-two the words "or shire" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "shire or irrigation area" Sec. 22. (Charges for attending fires.);
- (h) by inserting at the end of section thirty-four the following new subsection:— Sec. 34. (Estimates.)
 (5) For the purposes of this section an irrigation area or part to which this Act applies shall be regarded as a municipality and the Commission as the council thereof.

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- (i) by inserting at the end of section thirty-five the following new subsection :— Sec. 35.
(Contributions.)
- (4) Where this Act applies to an irrigation area or part thereof the Commission shall raise the required amount by a special rate under the Irrigation Act, 1912-1926, on the ratable land in the irrigation area or part :
- In respect of such rate no poll of occupiers pursuant to section twenty of the said Act shall be necessary.
- If the amount required for any year is greater than that required for the previous year the Commission may levy a higher special rate, to be fixed by the Commission, to provide for the greater amount required without making a rate for that year.
- (j) (i) by inserting in section thirty-seven after the word "shire" where that word firstly occurs the words "or by the Commission";
- (ii) by inserting in the same section after the word "shire" where that word secondly occurs the words "or Commission";
- (k) by inserting at the end of section thirty-eight the following new paragraph :— Sec. 38.
(Returns.)
- The Commission shall make like returns in respect of any irrigation area or part to which this Act applies, and shall be liable to a like penalty as a council for any contravention of this section.
- (l) by omitting from section forty the words "or shire" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "shire or irrigation area"; Sec. 40.
(Returns.)
- (m) by omitting from section forty-one the words "or shire" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "shire or irrigation area." Sec. 41.
(Salvage corps, &c.)
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