

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

13° GEO. V., No. IX.

No. 27 of 1922.

AN ACT to further amend the Law relating to Public Elementary Education.

[Assented to 7th December, 1922.]

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 Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Public Education Acts Amendment Act, 1922*, and shall be read as one with the other Acts relating to Public Elementary Education. Short title.

2. In any prescribed locality the parents or guardians of children attending any Government school, together with other persons interested in the welfare of such schools, may, in the prescribed manner, form a "Parents and Citizens' Association," hereinafter referred to as an association. Parents and Citizens' Associations.

3. The objects of an association shall be to promote the interests and efficiency of every Government school in the locality in co-operation with the teaching staff, and to assist the teaching staff in all its relations to the community. Objects of association.

Rules of associations.

4. Every association shall have power to frame its own rules, but the rules shall not come into force until they have been approved by the Minister of Education and published in the *Gazette*.

Officers of associations and appointment of school boards.

5. (1.) Where an association has been established the members shall at their first meeting, and at each annual meeting to be convened thereafter for the purpose, elect from among their number in the prescribed manner a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer, and a secretary; and shall also nominate five members who may be appointed by the Minister of Education as a school board for the locality for the next following twelve months. An annual subscription of one shilling shall entitle all persons to full membership.

(2.) The nomination of members of an association for appointment to serve on a school board shall be by ballot; and the head teacher of the school, or if more schools than one school are concerned the head teacher of the largest school, shall be the returning officer, and shall conduct the ballot.

(3.) The teachers of Government schools within any locality shall, *ex officio*, be members of the association formed in such locality, and may be elected to any office in the association, but shall not be eligible for nomination as members of the school board.

(4.) Only those members who have paid their subscriptions for the year, and *ex officio* members, shall have the right to vote.

Duties of School Board.

6. The duties of a school board shall be—

- (a) to advise the Department on the material required by the school, on minor repairs and alterations of and additions to buildings;
- (b) to consider and advise upon sites and plans of new buildings;
- (c) to carry out urgent repairs under conditions to be prescribed by regulations;
- (d) to advise upon applications made for the temporary use of school buildings;
- (e) to use every endeavour to induce parents to send their children to school, so that prosecutions may be avoided.
- (f) to arrange for the accommodation of teachers; and
- (g) such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed.

7. An association or school board shall not exercise any authority over the teaching staff, or interfere in any way with the control or management of any Government school.

Association or board not to exercise authority over teaching staff.

8. The Governor may make regulations—

Regulations.

(a) for the constitution of parents and citizens' associations;

(b) the nomination by ballot of members of associations to serve on school boards, the conduct of the ballot, and to enable votes of members who are unable to vote in person to be taken in absence; and

(c) for all such other matters as may be deemed necessary to give effect to this Act.

9. Sections nine to sixteen, both inclusive, of the Elementary Education Act, 1871, Amendment Act, 1893, are hereby repealed.

Repeal.
