

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.



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EDWARDI SEPTIMI REGIS,

XLVIII.

No. 52 of 1909.

AN ACT to further amend the Roads Act, 1902.

[Assented to 21st December, 1909.]

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 *Roads Act Amendment Act*, Short title. 1909, and shall be read as one with the Roads Act, 1902, hereinafter called the principal Act.

2. Any sea or river jetty the approach to which is within a district shall, if the Governor by Order in Council so directs, be deemed to be within the district, and if such jetty is a public jetty it shall, if the Governor so directs, be under the management and control of the Board of the district. Jetties.

3. Any tramway or railway constructed under any lease, permit, license, or other authority, granted under the provisions of the Land Act, 1898, or any amendment thereof, and any tramway constructed under the provisions of the Mining Act, 1904, shall be rateable under the principal Act, and be assessed at an annual value of Five pounds per centum on the capital cost of such tramway or railway less a reasonable percentage for depreciation. Rating of timber tramways.

Provided that in arriving at such capital cost machinery and rolling stock shall not be taken into consideration.

Provided also that any dispute as to such capital cost or percentage for depreciation shall be referred to and finally decided by the Minister.

Power to establish or subsidise hospitals.

4. The Board may establish and maintain public hospitals for the reception and treatment of the sick, or may subsidise any such public hospital, established within or without its district, or any resident medical officer: Provided that no more than seven and a half per centum of the ordinary revenue of the Board shall in any year be applied to the purposes of this section.

Power to subsidise ferry services.

5. The Board may out of its ordinary revenue subsidise for a period not exceeding two years at any one time, any ferry service between its district and any municipal or road district.

Fire brigades.

6. The Board may establish and maintain fire brigades within its district, or may subsidise any fire brigade established within its district or in any adjoining district:

Provided that no more than seven and a half per centum of the ordinary revenue of the Board shall in any year be applied to the purposes of this section.

Power to dissolve district if revenue under £200.

7. If the ordinary revenue of any Road Board shall, in any financial year, be less than Two hundred pounds the Governor may by Order in Council abolish the district and include the area thereof in any adjoining road district, and the proviso to section six of the principal Act shall not apply.

Amendment of sec. 25.

8. Section twenty-five of the principal Act is amended by striking out subsection four and by inserting subsections as follows:—

(4.) No person shall be entitled to vote at any election unless all rates assessed upon the land in respect of which the qualification arises are paid at least seven clear days before the date of the election.

(5.) Any owner or occupier of land who has paid all rates due in respect thereof at least seven clear days before the date of any election shall, on the production of an official receipt from the Road Board for such payment, be entitled to vote although the name of such ratepayer does not appear on the electoral roll.