

2. Section 22 of the principal Act is amended by adding after subsection (3) subsections as follows—

Amendment
to s. 22.
(Election of
members.)
Chairman
and members
continued
in office.

(4) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Act—

(a) the next succeeding election of members of the Board shall be conducted under and in accordance with subsection (2) or (3) of this section, during the year nineteen hundred and seventy-one;

(b) the person holding the office of Chairman of the Board immediately prior to the date of the coming into operation of the Eastern Goldfields Transport Board Act Amendment Act, 1970, shall be deemed to have been appointed to hold that office until and including the thirtieth day of June nineteen hundred and seventy-one, and subject to this Act, he is entitled to hold that office accordingly;

(c) each person holding the office of member of the Board immediately prior to the date of the coming into operation of the Eastern Goldfields Transport Board Act Amendment Act, 1970 shall be deemed to have been elected to that office until and including the thirtieth day of June nineteen hundred and seventy-one, and subject to this Act, is entitled to hold office accordingly.

(5) The powers of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership thereof, but if any vacancy occurs in such membership before the election of members is conducted during the year nineteen hundred and seventy-one, the number required to form a quorum shall be reduced by the number of such vacancies, and the number as so reduced shall constitute a quorum, notwithstanding that such number does not include one representative of each local authority or the ratepayers thereof. .

Vacancy in
membership
not to affect
Board's
powers.