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HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS ACTS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT in further Amendment of "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885." Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Acts Amendment Act, 1890." Short Title.

2. Subsections three, five, and seven of section thirty-four of "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885" (herein referred to as "the said Act"), are hereby repealed. Certain united districts dissevered.

The Patea District, the Wanganui District, the Wellington District, the Wairarapa District (comprising the Wairarapa South, Wairarapa North, and Pahiatua Counties), the Ashburton District and the North Canterbury District, including all boroughs therein respectively, are hereby severally constituted hospital districts under the said Act, as if they had never formed part of any united district. Allocation of assets and liabilities.

The Boards of the united districts of Patea with the Wanganui District, and of the Wairarapa with the Wellington District, and of the Ashburton with the North Canterbury District, are hereby dissolved; and the Hospital Boards of the Patea, and of the Wanganui, and of the Wairarapa, and of the Wellington, and of the Ashburton, and of the North Canterbury Districts respectively as the same were constituted under the said Act, shall be Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards for the said districts.

3. From and after the *thirtieth* day of *September*, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety, the Counties of Oroua and Manawatu Hospital District may be constituted by

Order in Council on petition.

Manawatu, including all boroughs therein, shall cease to be included within the Hospital District of Wanganui, and shall from the said date be constituted a hospital district under the said Act, under the name of the District of Manawatu.

Waimate Hospital District constituted.

4. From and after the *thirtieth* day of *September*, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety, the County of Waimate, including all boroughs therein, shall cease to be included in the Hospital District of South Canterbury, and shall, as from the said date, be constituted a hospital district under the said Act, by the name of the District of Waimate; and the District Board for the said District of Waimate shall consist of the Chairman of the County Council of Waimate, the Mayor of the Borough of Waimate, and three members of the County Council and one member of the Borough Council, to be selected by the said Councils.

Distribution of assets and liabilities.

5. On the constitution of any new district, whether under this Act or any Act hereafter to be passed, by the severance of a portion of a former district,—

(1.) All the assets and liabilities of the former district at the time when such severance takes effect shall be apportioned between the Boards of the former district and of the new district, in such manner and proportions as shall be allocated by any person who may be appointed in that behalf by the Governor:

Election of first Board.

(2.) The Councils of the boroughs and counties within the new district shall respectively, within thirty days after the constitution of the said district, elect the first Board for the new district, which shall come into office forthwith on its election, but shall hold office only until their successors elected on the then next fourth Wednesday in November shall come into office; and the Governor shall appoint the time and place for the first meeting of such Board:

(3.) All proceedings in relation to any such election shall be had, as far as may be, in manner as directed by the said Act.

Control of endowments.

6. Notwithstanding anything contained in section *five* of this Act, whenever an Order in Council shall be issued constituting the new Hospital District of Manawatu, as defined in section *three*, all endowments originally set apart for the Wanganui Hospital shall be retained and belong wholly to the Hospital District of Wanganui, and shall be subject to the sole control and management of the Board of the said Wanganui Hospital District.

First Schedule of Act, 1885, amended.

7. The First Schedule of the said Act is hereby amended as follows:—

(1.) Contingent upon section *three* of this Act being declared in force, in the description of the Wanganui District, before the word "Rangitikei," insert "and;" and omit the words "Oroua and Manawatu." After the aforesaid description insert,—

DISTRICT OF MANAWATU.

All that area in the colony being the Counties of Oroua and Manawatu, including all boroughs therein.

(2.) In the description of the South Canterbury District, before the word "Mackenzie," insert "and;" and omit the word "Waimate." After the aforesaid description insert,—

DISTRICT OF WAIMATE.

All that area in the colony being the County of Waimate, including all boroughs therein.

Allocation of assets and liabilities.

8. All assets and liabilities of the above-mentioned united districtsat the time of their dissolution shall be apportioned among the Boards of the two districts hitherto forming part of such united districts respectively, in such proportions as shall be allocated by such person or persons as may be appointed by the Governor in that behalf.

Commencement of Act.

9. This section shall not come into force before the *first* day of *October* next after the passing thereof.

By Authority: GEORGE DIDSBURY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1890.