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An Act to amend "The Hospitals Act, 1867."

[Assented to, September 10th, 1884.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to make special provision for the efficient management of the public Hospital at Adelaide, and for the encouragement of voluntary contributions to the funds required for the support thereof—Be it Enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

Preamble.

1. This Act may be called "The Hospitals Act Amendment Act, 1884," and so far as the tenor thereof shall permit, shall be read as part of "The Hospitals Act, 1867."

Short title and construction.

2. Sections four to nine, inclusive, and subsection 2 of section 13 of "The Hospitals Act, 1867," shall not apply to the public Hospital at Adelaide, hereinafter called "The Adelaide Hospital."

Sections four to nine and subsection 2 of sec. 13 of Hospital Act not to apply to Adelaide Hospital.

3. On or before the third Thursday in the month of January in every year, the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital shall cause to be published in the *Government Gazette* an account of the receipts and disbursements on account of the hospital during the year ending the preceding thirty-first day of December.

Board to publish accounts by third Thursday in January.

4. Whenever the contributions received during the year ending as aforesaid, together with interest at the rate of Ten Pounds per cent. for the year on all sums previously paid by life contributors then living, shall amount to one-sixth of the current expenditure of such year,

Contributors to elect members of board in certain proportion to contributions.

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year, the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital shall convene a meeting of the contributors, on the first Friday in the following February, for the purpose of electing members of the said board. If the contributions and interest as aforesaid amount to one-sixth of the current expenditure, the meeting may elect three members; if such contributions and interest amount to one-third of the current expenditure, the meeting may elect six members; and if such contributions and interest amount to one-half of the current expenditure, the meeting may elect nine members.

Voting of contributors.

5. At such meetings every person who has contributed not less than Two Pounds during the year ending as aforesaid, and every life contributor, shall be entitled to one vote, to be given personally or by proxy, for each Two Pounds or Twenty Pounds, as the case may be, which he has contributed to the funds of the hospital, and may vote for one or as many more persons as there are vacancies to be filled up; but no election shall take place unless one-third of the total number of votes to which such contributors are entitled shall be represented in person or by proxy.

Election to fail unless one-third of votes be given.

Proxies to be given within six months.

6. Every proxy given by a contributor to any other person to vote for him shall be signed by such contributor or his duly authorised attorney, and shall bear date the day on which it shall be so signed. No proxy shall be used which shall be dated six months or more prior to the date of the election. And no election shall be invalidated by its being subsequently discovered that any contributor giving any such proxy shall have died prior to the date of the election.

In default of election Governor to appoint.

7. Whenever, by reason of the contributions, together with interest as aforesaid, falling short of one-sixth of the current expenditure, no meeting of contributors has been held, and whenever, by reason of the required proportion of votes not being represented, or for any other reason, the contributors fail to elect all or any part of the proportionate number of members of the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital, as aforesaid, the Governor shall, as hereinafter provided, fill up the vacancies among the elected members arising from such default.

Contributors not to elect more than two-thirds from medical practitioners and not more than two-thirds from other persons.

8. Of the members of the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital to be elected by the contributors as herein provided, not more than two-thirds shall be medical practitioners, and not more than two-thirds shall be other than medical practitioners: Provided that not more than three honorary medical officers of the Hospital shall be eligible for election or appointment to the said Board of Management.

University to elect one member and Commissioners of Hospital another.

9. At any time in the months of January or February in every year, the Council of the University of Adelaide may elect one member of the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital, and the Commissioners of the Adelaide Hospital may elect another member of the said board.

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10. On or before the twenty-eighth day of February in every year, the electing parties shall notify to the Chief Secretary the names of the persons elected by them respectively as members of the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital, and on or before the thirty-first day of March following, the Governor shall appoint the persons so elected to be members of the said board, and shall also appoint as many other persons as shall, together with the members so elected, be enough to make up the whole number of members to sixteen, whereof not more than eight are to be medical practitioners.

Elections to be notified to Chief Secretary, and Governor to appoint sixteen in all, including persons elected.

11. Every meeting of contributors for the election of members of the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital shall choose its own chairman, who shall vote only in the event of there being an equality of votes; and every question submitted to such meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes represented.

Procedure at meetings of contributors.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

WILLIAM C. F. ROBINSON, Governor.