

The Relief Act

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FOR HISTORICAL REFERENCE ONLY

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CHAPTER 157

An Act respecting the Relief of Distress and Unemployment

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Relief Act*.

1934-35, c.36, s.1; R.S.S. 1940, c.157, s.1.

Powers of Lieutenant Governor in Council

2 The Lieutenant Governor in Council is hereby empowered from time to time:

(a) to enter into any agreement with the Government of Canada which that Government is authorized to make by any statute of Canada respecting relief measures within the province, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon;

(b) to enter into agreements with cities, towns and villages governing the institution and carrying out of measures for the relief of persons who are in necessitous circumstances by reason of unemployment or other circumstances attributable to prevailing economic conditions, which agreements may provide for payment by the Government to such cities, towns and villages of a proportion of the cost of such measures;

(c) to contribute to any city, town or village such proportion of the costs, as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may determine, of any measures undertaken by them or any of them with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the relief of such persons;

(d) either alone, or in conjunction with the Government of Canada and cities, towns and villages, or any of them, to institute and carry out such measures for the relief of such persons as may from time to time be deemed requisite and necessary.

1934-35, c.36, s.2; 1936, c.51, s.2; R.S.S. 1940, c.157, s.2.

Agreements by municipalities

3(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act to the contrary, every city, town and village is hereby empowered to enter into any agreement with the province which the Government of the province is authorized to enter into by this Act, and to do all acts and things necessary for or incidental to the carrying into effect of any such agreement.

(2) Except as herein otherwise provided, nothing contained in subsection (1) shall be deemed to dispense with any reference to the persons entitled to vote on money bylaws, or with any notification with respect to works to be undertaken as local improvements, required under the relevant municipal Act.

1934-35, c.36, s.3; R.S.S. 1940, c.157, s.3.

Borrowing municipalities

4(1) A municipality which has entered into any agreement which it is empowered to enter into by this Act may, pending the payment of any money payable or to become payable under the agreement, by bylaw, authorize the mayor and treasurer, or overseer and treasurer, to borrow sums not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the sum or sums so payable or to become payable, and to assign the same as security for sums so borrowed.

(2) The municipality may give as security for such loan promissory notes of the municipality, treasury bills or similar forms of obligation, signed by the mayor and treasurer, or overseer and treasurer, and each such note, bill or obligation shall be valid and binding upon the municipality according to its tenor.

(3) Where a city, town or village enters into an agreement with the Government of Saskatchewan under this Act or has entered into a similar agreement under *The Relief Act, 1932*, *The Relief Act, 1933*, or *The Relief Act, 1935*, providing for expenditures by way of direct relief or towards the cost of construction or maintenance of municipal works and undertakings to be carried out to provide work for the unemployed, the municipality may issue debentures to be known as "Relief Debentures" for the purpose of defraying its share of the total amount expended in the municipality for the purpose of giving effect to any such agreement.

(4) Debentures issued under subsection (3) for the purpose of defraying the municipality's share of expenditures made by way of direct relief or towards the cost of maintenance of municipal works and undertakings shall be repayable within a term not to exceed twenty years from the date of their issue and shall be repayable:

(a) in such manner that the principal shall be repaid in equal annual instalments, with interest annually or semi-annually upon the balances from time to time remaining unpaid;

(b) in such manner that the principal and interest shall be combined and be made payable in, as nearly as possible, equal annual instalments during the period for which the debentures have to run;

(c) in such manner that, without combining the principal and interest, the instalments of principal shall be of such amounts that, with the interest, payable annually or semi-annually, the aggregate amount payable for principal and interest in each year shall be as nearly as possible the same; provided that each instalment of principal may be for an even \$100, \$500 or \$1,000 or multiple thereof, and notwithstanding anything herein contained the annual instalment of principal and interest may differ in amount sufficiently to admit thereof;

(d) in the case of cities, in such manner that the principal shall be repayable at the end of the period of years during which the debentures are to run, together with interest on such debentures to be paid annually or semi-annually as the council may by the bylaw provide;

and the bylaw authorizing the issue of such debentures shall not require the sanction of the Local Government Board nor a reference to the burgesses.

(5) In case the indebtedness is to be payable in the manner set out in clause (d) of subsection (4) the bylaw shall provide for raising each year during the currency of the debentures:

(a) a specific sum sufficient to pay the interest on the debentures when and as it becomes due;

(b) a specific sum which, with the estimated interest, at a rate not exceeding four per cent. per annum, capitalized yearly, will be sufficient to pay the principal of the debentures when and as it becomes due.

(6) Debentures issued under subsection (3) shall not limit the borrowing power of the municipality under any statute in force relating thereto.

(7) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize the Provincial Treasurer to acquire by purchase or otherwise “Relief Debentures” issued by a city, town or village under the authority of subsection (3).

(8) The debentures mentioned in subsection (7) shall be in such form and may be acquired upon such terms and conditions as the Provincial Treasurer may prescribe.

1934-35, c.36, s.4; 1936, c.51, s.3; R.S.S. 1940, c.157, s.4.

Loans to municipalities

5 Instead of authorizing the acquisition of Relief Debentures under subsection (7) of section 4, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize the Provincial Treasurer:

(a) to lend to any specified city, town or village which has entered into an agreement under this Act, on such terms and conditions as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may deem expedient, a sum not exceeding or sums not exceeding in the aggregate the municipality’s share of the total amount expended in the municipality under the authority of this Act;

(b) to take as security for such loan or loans the promissory note or notes of the municipality, signed by the mayor and treasurer or overseer and treasurer, and bearing interest at such rate as may be determined from time to time by the Provincial Treasurer but not less than sufficient to provide for the actual cost to the province of the moneys borrowed by it for the purpose of making such loan or loans;

(c) to take such further security for such loan or loans as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may deem expedient.

1936, c.51, s.4; R.S.S. 1940, c.157, s.5.

Payment by province

6 The Provincial Treasurer may from time to time advance and pay any sum which may become payable by the province by reason of or on account of any agreement entered into by the province, or any other act or thing whatsoever done by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, under the authority of this Act, and sums so payable shall be a charge upon and be paid out of the consolidated fund.

1934-35, c.36, s.5; R.S.S. 1940, c.157, s.6.

Moneys required for expenditures

7 Moneys required to be paid and expended by the province for the purposes of this Act may be raised by way of loan under the provisions of *The Loans (Special Powers) Act*.

1934-35, c.36, s.6; R.S.S. 1940, c.157, s.7.

Retirement of debentures and new issue

8(1) Debentures issued under *The Relief Act, 1932*, or *The Relief Act, 1933*, for the purpose of defraying the municipality's share of the total amount expended in the municipality by way of direct relief, and debentures issued before the first day of April, 1936, under section 4 or section 7 of *The Relief Act, 1935*, including the principal payments falling due in the year 1936, may, notwithstanding anything contained in the said Acts, be retired and new debentures may be issued to meet the principal unpaid under the retired debentures.

(2) Debentures issued under the authority of this section shall be repayable within a term not to exceed twenty years from the date of their issue and shall be repayable in any of the methods mentioned in subsection (4) of section 4. The bylaw authorizing the issue of such debentures shall not require the sanction of the Local Government Board nor a reference to the burgesses.

1934-35, c.36, s.7; 1936, c.51, s.5; R.S.S. 1940,
c.157, s.8.