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No. 306.

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:

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.”

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.”

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.

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,
year, the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital shall con-
vene 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 ex-
penditure, the meeting may elect nine members.

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.

6. Every proxy given by a contributor to any other person to
vote for him shall be signed by such contributor or his duly autho-
rised 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 con-
tributor giving any such proxy shall have died prior to the date of
the election.

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 pro-
portionate number of members of the Board of Management of
the Adelaide Hospital, as aforesaid, the Governor shall, as herein-
after provided, fill up the vacancies among the elected members
arising from such default.

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: Pro-
vided that not more than three honorary medical officers of the
Hospital shall be eligible for election or appointment to the said
Board of Management.

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.

10. On
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.

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.

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

WILLIAM C. F. ROBINSON, Governor.