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entitled

AN ACT TO RE-CONSTITUTE THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF 5
THE INSTITUTION, CALLED THE MEATH HOSPITAL
OR COUNTY OF DUBLIN INFIRMARY, TO PROVIDE
FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE SAID
JOINT COMMITTEE AS SO RE-CONSTITUTED, TO
AMEND CERTAIN ENACTMENTS RELATING TO THE 10
SAID INSTITUTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR
CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE
MATTERS AFORESAID.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:—

Definitions.	1.—In this Act—	15
Act of 1815.	the expression “ the Act of 1815 ” means the British statute passed in the year 1815, and entitled “ An Act to amend several Acts for the management and direction of the Meath Hospital, or County of Dublin Infirmary, and for the better regulating the same ”. (55 Geo. III, c. lxxxi).	20
appointed day.	the expression “ the appointed day ” means the first Monday in the second month next after the month in which this Act is passed, or, if the said first Monday is a public holiday, the next following Tuesday;	
Dublin Corporation.	the expression “ the Dublin Corporation ” means the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Dublin;	25
Dublin County Council.	the expression “ the Dublin County Council ” means the council of the administrative county of Dublin;	
election year.	the expression “ election year ” means any year being— (a) the year in which the appointed day falls, or (b) the year 1954, or (c) any third successive year after the year 1954;	30
first election year.	the expression “ the first election year ” means the year in which the appointed day falls;	
General Council.	the expression “ the General Council ” means the General Council of County Councils;	35
Hospital.	the expression “ the Hospital ” means the Meath Hospital or County of Dublin Infirmary;	
joint committee	the expression “ the joint committee ” means the joint committee of the Hospital;	40
Medical Board.	the expression “ the Medical Board ” means the Medical Board constituted in accordance with <i>section 3</i> of this Act;	
resign	the word “ resign ” means resignation from the joint committee.	
Cesser of office of existing members of the joint committee.	2.—(1) The persons holding office as members of the joint committee immediately before the appointed day shall cease to hold office on the day this Act becomes law.	45

(2) During the period between the passing of this Act and the day next after the appointed day all the powers, duties and responsibilities of the joint committee shall be vested in the Dublin City Manager who shall during the said period conduct and manage the Hospital and all the affairs and business thereof.

3.—(1) The Medical Board of the Hospital shall consist of the physicians and surgeons of the Hospital on the 6th December, 1950, and the physicians and surgeons of the Hospital duly appointed in accordance with law after the appointed day.

Constitution of the Medical Board.

(2) Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Medical Board, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in section 7 of the Act of 1815 the joint committee shall advertise the vacancy in the public press and the Medical Board shall examine the credentials of the applicants and following consideration of the report of the Medical Board on all such applicants the joint committee shall elect a physician or surgeon to fill the vacancy.

4.—(1) As on and from the day next after the appointed day the joint committee shall, in lieu of being constituted as provided by subsection (2) of section 15 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, consist of—

Re-constitution of joint committee.

- (a) five members (in this Act referred to as county members) elected in accordance with *section 5* of this Act,
- (b) two members (in this Act referred to as General Council members) elected in accordance with *section 6* of this Act,
- (c) six members (in this Act referred to as city members) elected in accordance with *section 7* of this Act,
- (d) four members (in this Act referred to as medical members) elected in accordance with *section 8* of this Act,
- (e) four members (in this Act referred to as Hospital Corporation members) elected in accordance with *section 11* of this Act,
- (f) two members co-opted at the first meeting of those elected in accordance with *paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)*.

(2) Every member co-opted under *subsection 1* of this section shall, unless he sooner dies or resigns, hold office until the expiration of the first Monday in April in the next election year.

(3) A meeting of the joint committee shall be summoned for a day which is not less than three or more than seven days after the appointed day.

5.—(1) The Dublin County Council shall in the first election year on or before the appointed day elect five persons to act as county members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next after the appointed day.

Election and term of office of county members.

(2) The Dublin County Council shall in each election year (other than the first election year) on or before the first Monday in April in that election year, elect five persons to act as county members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next following the said first Monday.

(3) Every county member elected at an election held under *subsection (1) or (2)* of this section in any election year shall, unless he sooner dies or resigns, hold office until the expiration of the first Monday in April in the next election year.

(4) Whenever a county member dies or resigns, the Dublin County Council shall, as soon as conveniently may be, elect a person to fill the vacancy and the person so elected shall hold office for the period for which the county member so dying or resigning would have held office if he had not so died or resigned.

Election and term
of office of
General Council
members.

6.—(1) The General Council shall, in the first election year before the appointed day, elect two of its members as General Council members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next after the appointed day.

(2) The General Council shall in each election year (other than the first election year) before the first Monday in April in that election year elect two of its members as General Council members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next following the said first Monday.

(3) Every General Council member elected at an election held under subsection (1) or (2) of this section in any election year shall, unless he sooner dies or resigns, hold office until the expiration of the first Monday in April in the next election year.

(4) Whenever a General Council member dies or resigns the General Council shall as soon as conveniently may be elect a person to fill the vacancy and the person so elected shall hold office for the period for which the General Council member so dying or resigning would have held office if he had not died or resigned.

Election and
term of office
of city
members.

7.—(1) The Dublin Corporation shall, in the first election year before the appointed day, elect six persons to act as city members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next after the appointed day.

(2) The Dublin Corporation shall in each election year (other than the first election year) before the first Monday in April in that election year elect six persons to act as city members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next following the said first Monday.

(3) Every city member elected at an election held under subsection (1) or (2) of this section in any election year shall, unless he sooner dies or resigns, hold office until the expiration of the first Monday in April in the next election year.

(4) Whenever a city member dies or resigns the Dublin Corporation shall as soon as conveniently may be elect a person to fill the vacancy and the person so elected shall hold office for the period for which the city member so dying or resigning would have held office if he had not died or resigned.

Election and
term of office
of medical
members.

8.—(1) The Medical Board shall, in the first election year on or before the appointed day, elect four of its members as medical members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next after the appointed day.

(2) The Medical Board shall in each election year (other than the first election year) on or before the first Monday in April in that election year elect four of its members as medical members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next following the said first Monday.

(3) Every medical member elected at an election held under subsection (1) or (2) of this section in any election year shall, unless he sooner dies or resigns, hold office until the expiration of the first Monday in April in the next election year.

(4) Whenever a medical member dies or resigns, the Medical Board shall as soon as conveniently may be elect a person to fill the vacancy and the person so elected shall hold office for the period for which the medical member so dying or resigning would have held office if he had not so died or resigned.

Joint Committee
may act notwith-
standing
vacancies.

9.—The joint committee may act notwithstanding vacancies in its membership.

10.—(1) In this section—

the expression “ the qualifying date ” means,—

Electorate for
Hospital
Corporation
members.

5 (a) in relation to the election of Hospital Corporation members to be held in the first election year, the 1st day of the month next preceding the month in which the appointed day falls,

(b) in relation to the election of Hospital Corporation members to be held in any election year (other than the first election year), the 1st day of March in that election year;

10 the word “ person ” does not include the Dublin County Council or the Dublin Corporation or the General Council.

(2) Every person who is a governor or governess of the Hospital on the qualifying date shall be qualified to vote at the election of Hospital Corporation members and no other person shall be
15 qualified as entitled to vote at such election.

(3) In this Act, references to the Hospital Corporation members' electorate for a particular election year shall be construed as references to the persons who are by virtue of this section qualified to vote at an election of Hospital Corporation members to be held in
20 that election year.

11.—(1) In this section—

the expression “ member ” means a Hospital Corporation member;
the expression “ the electorate ” means the Hospital Corporation members' electorate.

Election and
term of office
of Hospital
Corporation
members.

25 (2) The electorate for the first election year shall on the appointed day elect from their number four members, and the term of office of the persons so elected shall commence on the day next after the appointed day.

30 (3) The electorate for any election year (other than the first election year) shall on the first Monday in April in that election year elect from their number four members, and the term of office of every person so elected shall commence on the day next after the day of his election.

35 (4) Every member elected at an election held under subsection (2) or (3) of this section shall, unless he sooner dies or resigns, hold office until the expiration of the day on which the next election of members is held in accordance with subsection (3) of this section.

40 (5) In the first election year the Hospital Corporation members shall be elected on the proportional representation system by postal vote of the persons qualified to vote at the election; in the first election year the election shall be conducted and carried out by a person appointed for the purpose by the Dublin City Manager in accordance with rules made by the Dublin City Manager; in
45 any election year (other than the first election year) the Hospital Corporation members shall be elected by vote of the persons qualified to vote at the election and the election shall be conducted and carried out by a person appointed for the purpose by the joint committee in accordance with rules made by the joint committee.

50 (6) Whenever a member dies or resigns, the continuing members shall as soon as conveniently may be, elect a person (being a life governor or life governess for the time being of the Hospital) to fill the vacancy, and the person so elected shall hold office for the period for which the member so dying or resigning would have held office
55 if he had not died or resigned.

(7) Any expenses incurred in relation to any election under subsection (2) or (3) of this section shall be defrayed out of the general funds of the joint committee.

Election of chairman and vice-chairman of joint committee.

12.—(1) The joint committee shall, at its first meeting after each election, elect one of its members to be chairman of the joint committee and another of its members to be vice-chairman of the joint committee.

(2) Every person elected to be chairman or vice-chairman of 5 the joint committee shall, unless he sooner dies, resigns or becomes disqualified, hold office as chairman or vice-chairman until his successor is elected.

(3) Whenever the office of chairman or vice-chairman becomes vacant through the death, resignation or disqualification of the chairman or vice-chairman, the joint committee shall at the next 10 meeting after such vacancy has taken place elect one of its members to be chairman or vice-chairman.

Annual meeting of governors and governesses of the Hospital.

13.—An annual meeting of the governors and governesses of the Hospital and the members of the joint committee shall be held 15 in the Hospital on a date to be appointed by the joint committee; at the annual meeting a general report on the Hospital shall be made by the chairman of the joint committee and such other business as the joint committee authorise shall be transacted.

Removal from office of certain persons.

14.—(1) In this section— 20
the word “ office ” means any office or appointment full or part time, in or in connection with the Hospital.

(2) Where a person was, after the 6th day of December, 1950, and on or before the appointed day, appointed to any office, then, notwithstanding the terms and conditions on which he was 25 appointed the joint committee may, without assigning any reason therefor, dismiss or remove him from that office.

(3) *Subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall come into operation on the appointed day.*

Amendment of the Act of 1815.

15.—(1) In section 2 of the Act of 1815, the words “ not exceed- 30 ing the annual value of one thousand pounds ” are hereby repealed.

(2) In section 5 of the Act of 1815, the words “ provided that such lands shall not exceed the sum allowed in value ” are hereby 35 repealed.

(3) In section 7 of the Act of 1815, the words “ that all such elections shall be from the Members or Licentiates of the King’s and Queen’s College of Physicians and Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and ” are hereby repealed.

(4) Sections 3 to 6 inclusive and sections 18 and 19 of the Act 40 of 1815 are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

16.—Clause II of the Act passed in the Irish Parliament in the 15th and 16th year of the reign of George III Chapter XXXI is hereby repealed.

Power of joint committee to make bye-laws.

17.—The joint committee of the Hospital are hereby empowered 45 to make bye-laws, rules or regulations governing the admission of patients and for the better government of the Hospital or any matter relating thereto.”

Short title.

18.—This Act may be cited as the Meath Hospital Act, 1951.

BILLE

dá ngairmtear

Acht d'athchóiriú comhchoiste an fhorais, dá ngairmtear Ospidéal na Midhe nó Otharlann Chontae Bhaile Atha Cliath, do dhéanamh socrúithe chun comhaltaí an chomhchoiste sin arna athchóiriú amhlaidh a thoghadh, do leasú achtachán áirithe a bhaineas leis an bhforas sin, agus do dhéanamh socrúithe i dtaobh nithe áirithe eile a bhaineas leis na nithe réamhráite

Máirtín Ó Súilleabháin a thug isteach, agus Peadar Ó Dubhghaill, Micheál Ó hUigin nó Seán Mac Canna ag cuidiú leis.

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An Act to reconstitute the joint committee of the institution, called the Meath Hospital or County of Dublin Infirmary, to provide for the election of members of the said joint committee as so reconstituted, to amend certain enactments relating to the said institution, and to provide for certain other matters relating to the matters aforesaid.

Introduced by Deputy M. O'Sullivan, supported by Deputies Peadar S. Doyle, Michael J. O'Higgins or John McCann.

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