

No. VI.

An Act to further amend the Law relating to the management of Hospitals. [31st October, 1894.]**HOSPITALS ACTS
FURTHER
AMENDMENT.**

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Act fifty-fourth Victoria number twenty-eight is hereby repealed, and the Act eleventh Victoria number fifty-nine, hereinafter termed the Principal Act, is amended as follows.

Repeal of 54 Vic.
No. 28 and amendment of 11 Vic.
No. 59.

2. At any annual or special general meeting for the election of trustees of any public hospital within the meaning and under the operation of the Principal Act, and at the annual meeting for the election of the committee and auditors of any such hospital, any contributor qualified to vote shall be eligible for election as trustee or as member of the committee, and any person whether so qualified or not shall be eligible for the position of auditor, but no person shall be elected to any of the offices abovementioned unless proposed and seconded by two contributors qualified as aforesaid, and unless nominated in writing at such meeting, the sanction of the person nominated having first been obtained, and such meeting shall be advertised in the nearest local paper at least a week before the day on which such meeting is to be held.

Election of trustees and committee—who eligible.

3. In the event of the number of persons nominated being greater than the number to be elected either for a committee, trustees, or auditors, the election shall be adjourned, and the hospital secretary shall by advertisement in the nearest local paper call a meeting for the purpose of such election for a day being not less than seven days nor more than fourteen days after the adjournment aforesaid, and shall forthwith transmit by post or otherwise to every contributor entitled to vote, a voting-paper initialed by the secretary containing the names of all the persons duly nominated, which voting-papers with the names of those persons struck out whom the persons voting do not desire to vote for shall be enclosed in an envelope endorsed "voting paper," which envelope shall be enclosed in another envelope bearing the voters signature inside, and returned to the secretary not later than the day before that to which the meeting is called for the purpose of the election, and all such envelopes endorsed "voting paper" as aforesaid shall be handed by the secretary to the scrutineers appointed at such meeting, who after counting the votes shall present a signed return to the adjourned meeting, showing how many votes were recorded for each person nominated, and the chairman of such meeting shall declare those persons elected who have received the majority of votes.

Adjournment of election—absent voting.

4. No person shall be qualified to vote at any annual meeting of contributors to any such hospital for the election of trustees or any committee of the said hospital or on any question brought before such meeting aforesaid unless he has paid to the hospital a contribution of one pound sterling at the least at any time between the commencing of business at such meeting and the commencing of business at the preceding annual meeting, or has contributed and paid ten pounds in one sum to the said hospital; and no person shall be qualified to vote at

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at any special general meeting of contributors to any such hospital for the election of trustees or on any question brought before such meeting unless he has paid to the hospital a contribution of one pound sterling at the least at any time during the twelve months preceding the day for which the meeting is called, or has contributed and paid ten pounds in one sum to the said hospital.

Office of treasurer.

5. After the passing of this Act, notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Act or any amendment of the same, the treasurer shall be appointed annually.

Powers of committee.

6. The committee of any hospital as aforesaid shall appoint—

- (i) The treasurer, secretary, medical officer, warden, matron, and any other officer or servant they deem necessary for the efficient working of such institution, anything in the Principal Act to the contrary notwithstanding.
- (ii) And make rules for the conduct of business at meetings of the said committee and generally for the management and control of any hospital for which such committee has been elected.

Vacancies in committee—how filled.

7. When any member of the committee of any hospital as aforesaid, dies or resigns or becomes *non compos mentis*, or refuses or becomes otherwise unable to act as a member of such committee, the committee may declare that such person has ceased to be a member of such committee, and may in like manner appoint a qualified person in his place; and the person so appointed shall have the same rights, powers, and authorities as the person had in whose place he has been so appointed.

Effect of extension of Principal Act to any hospital.

8. Whenever by proclamation under section eleven of the Principal Act, the provisions of the said Act shall be extended to any hospital, then :—

Existing trustees and committee continued.

(i) The auditors and committee of such hospital, at the date of such proclamation, shall hold their respective offices, and shall to all intents and purposes be vested with the same rights, powers, and authorities in law, as if they had been duly elected under the provisions of the said Act and any Act amending the same.

(ii) At the first annual meeting of contributors to any such hospital after the date of such proclamation as aforesaid, every person who has, at any time within twelve months prior to the commencing of business at such meeting, paid to the hospital a contribution of one pound sterling at the least, or has contributed and paid ten pounds in one sum to the said hospital, shall be qualified to vote for the election of trustees or any committee of the said hospital or on any question brought before such meeting.

Voting at first annual meeting.