

# FIRE BRIGADES (AMENDMENT) ACT.

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Act No. 4, 1927.

George V, No. 4. An Act to vary the constitution of and to enlarge the powers of the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales; to vary the proportions of contributions to the fund to be administered by the said board; to make further provision as to the salary of the president of the board; to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 29th January, 1927.]

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**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, **George V,**  
by and with the advice and consent of the Legis- **No. 4.**  
lative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South  
Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of  
the same, as follows:—

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the “Fire Brigades Short title.  
(Amendment) Act, 1927,” and shall be read and con-  
strued with the Fire Brigades Act, 1909, as amended by  
subsequent Acts, which said Act as so amended is in  
this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(2) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act,  
may be cited as the Fire Brigades Act, 1909–1927.

(3) This Act shall come into operation on a date  
to be appointed by the Governor and notified by  
proclamation published in the Gazette.

**2.** (1) The Principal Act is amended—

- (a) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section Amendment of  
Act No. 9, 1909.  
Sec. 7 (1).  
(Constitution  
of board.)  
seven the word “four” and inserting in  
lieu thereof the word “seven”;
- (ii) by omitting from subsection two of the same  
section the word “Three” and inserting in  
lieu thereof the word “Four”;
- (b) (i) by inserting at the end of subsection one Sec. 8 (1).  
of section eight after the word “Governor” (President.)  
the words “and shall hold office for five  
years from the date of appointment”;
- (ii) by omitting from subsection two of the Sec. 8 (2).  
same section the word “four” and inserting (Election of  
in lieu thereof the word “seven”;
- (c) (i) by omitting from subsection four of section Sec. 9 (4).  
nine the words “one member” and inserting (Representatives  
in lieu thereof the words “three members”;
- (ii) by omitting subsection five of the same Sec. 9 (5).  
section and by inserting next after sub-  
section four the following new subsec-  
tions:—

(5) One member of the board shall be By members  
elected by the members of the volunteer fire of Volunteer  
brigades. At such election each member Fire  
of such brigade shall have one vote. Brigades.

(5A)

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By members  
of Fire  
Brigades  
Association.

Sec. 12.  
(Fees to  
members.)

*Ibid.*  
(Salary of  
President.)

Sec. 17 (3).

(5A) One member of the board shall be elected by the permanent firemen who are members of the Fire Brigades Association of New South Wales. At such election each such member of such association shall have one vote.

(d) (i) by omitting from section twelve the words "six hundred pounds" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand and fifty pounds";

(ii) by omitting from the same section the words "an annual salary of three hundred pounds" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "such annual salary as shall be fixed by the Governor."

(e) by amending subsection three of section seventeen by inserting the word "two" instead of the word "one."

(2) The members of the board in office at the commencement of this Act, including the present representative of the volunteer fire companies or brigades, shall continue to hold office for the period for which they were elected, and shall be eligible for re-election.

The additional representatives of the insurance companies and the member to be elected by the permanent firemen to complete the board in accordance with the amendments of section nine inserted in the Principal Act by this Act, shall hold office only for the balance of the period for which the members of the board at such commencement were elected, and shall be eligible for re-election.

Further  
amendment  
of Act No. 9,  
1909.  
Sec. 34 (2).  
(Contribu-  
tions.)

3. (1) The Principal Act is further amended—

(i) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection two of section thirty-four the word "one-third" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "one-fourth";

(ii) by omitting from paragraph (b) of the same subsection the word "one-third" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one half";

(iii) by omitting from paragraph (c) of the same subsection the word "one-third" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "one-fourth."

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(2) The amendments made by this section shall be given effect to for the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and for succeeding years. George V,  
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4. (1) The Principal Act is further amended—

Further amend-  
ment of Act  
No. 9, 1909.  
Sec. 21.

(a) by inserting in section twenty-one next after paragraph (k) the following new paragraphs :—

- (k1) prescribing for various classes of buildings the means to be provided to enable occupants thereof to escape from the building in case of fire, and for the inspection and maintenance of such means of escape; (By-laws.)  
(Fire escapes.)
- (k2) prescribing for any building used for a purpose which in the opinion of the board is of a hazardous nature or for any building the construction or use of which is, in the opinion of the board, likely to allow the rapid spread of fire, the installation of fire alarms, sprinklers, and other devices or appliances approved by the board designed to prevent or retard the spread of fire, and for the inspection and maintenance of such alarms, sprinklers, appliances, and devices; (Fire alarms.)
- (k3) prohibiting or regulating the storage of inflammable matter on the roof, in the basement, or in any other part of a building; (Inflammable matter.)
- (k4) prohibiting or regulating the storage of inflammable matter in light areas or in close proximity to any building in any municipality or shire; (Ibid.)
- (k5) regulating the deposit of inflammable matter in yards or on vacant blocks of land in any municipality or shire. (Ibid.)
- (k6) regulating the burning off of waste inflammable matter in any municipality or shire. (Ibid.)
- (k7) regulating the disposal of hot ashes and providing for proper receptacles for holding the same; (Hot ashes, &c.)

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(b)

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(Penalty.)

- (b) by inserting at the end of paragraph (l) of the same section the following words:—"or in the case of a continuing breach a penalty not exceeding five pounds per day while the breach continues";

Sec. 29 (d.)  
(Dangerous walls.)

- (c) by inserting at the end of paragraph (d) of section twenty-nine the following words:—"and the expense of such pulling down or shoring up, as the case may be, shall be borne by the owner of the wall or building, and shall be paid by him to the board";

(Cutting off gas, &c.)

- (d) by inserting in the same section next after paragraph (d) the following new paragraph:—  
(d1) may cause to be shut off or disconnected the supply of gas, electricity, or other illuminant to any premises adjacent thereto.

No person supplying gas or electricity or other illuminant to any premises shall be liable for any damages by reason of any interruption of the supply thereof occasioned by the exercise of this power.

Every person supplying gas or electricity or other illuminant to any premises on fire shall forthwith send some competent person to shut off or disconnect the supply thereof to such premises or to any premises adjacent thereto as and if directed so to do in exercise of the foregoing power;

Sec. 42 (iv).  
(By-laws.)

- (e) by inserting in paragraph (iv) of section forty-two after the word "fourteen" wherever it occurs the word "sitting";

Sch. 2.  
(Floating fire engine.)

- (f) by omitting from Schedule Two the figures "10 0 0" opposite the words "For a floating fire engine" and by inserting in lieu thereof the figures "30 0 0";

Sch. 3.  
(*Ibid.*)

- (g) by omitting from Schedule Three the figures "20 0 0" opposite the words "For a floating fire engine" and by inserting in lieu thereof the figures "30 0 0";

Sec. 18.  
(Revision.)

- (h) by omitting from section eighteen the figures "1900" and by inserting in lieu thereof the figures "1912";

(i)

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Amendment Act.**

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(i) by omitting from section thirty-four the proviso inserted by paragraph (a) of subsection one of section four of the Fire Brigades Amendment Act, 1910 ;

Sec. 34.  
(Revision.)

(j) by omitting from section thirty-five the figures "1906" wherever occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the figures "1919."

Sec. 35.  
(Ibid.)

(2) Paragraph (a) of subsection one of section four of the Fire Brigades Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby repealed.

Repeal of Act  
No. 15, 1910,  
s. 4 (1) (a).