DELTA DRAINAGE (AMENDMENT).

1953 (Second Semion)



CHAPTER 40.

1936, c. 17, 1939, c. 10; 1946, c 20.

An Act to amend the "Delta Drainage Act, 1936."

[Assenied to 17th October, 1953.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Delta Drainage Act, 1936, Amendment Act, 1953."

2. Section 7 of the "Delta Drainage Act, 1936," being chapter 17 of the Statutes of 1936, is repealed, and the following is substituted:—

"7. (1) To defray the cost of the construction and maintenance of such drainage-works, the Council may, either in and by the by-law authorizing the same or by a separate by-law, provide that there shall be imposed, levied, and collected in each year a special rate or tax, to be known as the 'drainage tax,' from and out of all taxable lands within the limits of the drainage area to which the by-law relates, pro rata according to the assessed value of the lands, which shall be payable along with and in addition to and as forming part of the annual tax payable from and out of the said lands.

"(2) The provisions of the 'Municipal Act' as to the collection and recovery of taxes and special rates and the proceedings which may be taken in default of payment shall apply to all special rates and taxes imposed under this Act.

"(3) If the Council deems it expedient to borrow money to defray the cost of the drainage-works or a portion thereof, the money may be borrowed on the credit of the Corporation at large, and the Council may pass by-laws authorizing the issue of debentures to secure payment of moneys so borrowed; but it shall not be necessary that the by-law be submitted to or receive the assent of the electors, nor shall it be necessary to submit the rates provided for in the by-law for confirmation by a Court of Revision.

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"(4) A by-law imposing a drainage tax may be in respect of both construction and maintenance of the drainage-works, or of construction alone or of maintenance alone.

"(5) By-laws in respect of maintenance may be passed from time to time in accordance with requirements.

"(6) No rate or tax imposed in respect of maintenance alone shall in any year exceed six mills on the dollar of the assessed value of property subject to taxation within the limits of the drainage area to which the by-law relates, unless pumping is necessary within the drainage area, in which case the rate shall not exceed nine mills."

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