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A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DIVISIONS AND FOR THE PREPARATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SOIL CONSERVATION SCHEMES AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Soil Conservation Law. Short title,

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpreta-
tion.

“ Board ” means a Board constituted as in section 7 provided ;

“ Commissioner ” means the Commissioner of the district within which a Soil Conservation Division has been constituted or within which an area proposed to be constituted as a Soil Conservation Division, is situate :

Provided that where a Soil Conservation Division comprises areas situated in more than one district under different Commissioners, it shall mean such Commissioner as may be nominated by the Administrative Secretary to act in respect of such Division for the purposes of this Law ;

“ mukhtar ” means the mukhtar of the town, village or quarter within which a Soil Conservation Division, constituted under the provisions of this Law, is situate :

Provided that, where such Division comprises areas situated in more than one town, village or quarter with different mukhtars, it shall mean such mukhtar as may be nominated by the Commissioner to act in respect of such Division for the purposes of this Law ;

“ property ” means land, trees, vines, springs, wells, boreholes, water and water rights whether held together with, or independently of, any land and an undivided share in any property as hereinbefore set out :

Provided that, for the purposes of sections 14, 15 and 16 and of the Schedule to this Law, it shall include buildings and other erections, structures or fixtures affixed to any land or to any building or other erection or structure ;

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“ proprietor ” means any person who owns, within a Soil Conservation Division or an area proposed to be constituted as a Soil Conservation Division, immovable property of an aggregate value, as registered or recorded in the books of the District Lands Office, of not less than one thousand mils and includes—

- (a) any person who occupies any such immovable property under a written hire-purchase agreement;
- (b) any person who occupies any such immovable property under a written lease and the owner has consented, in writing, to such person being regarded as a proprietor for the purposes of this Law:

Provided that the heirs of a deceased proprietor whose immovable property is still registered or recorded in his name shall be deemed to be a single proprietor and may, for all purposes of this Law, be represented by one heir duly authorized in that behalf by the heirs owning the major interest in the immovable property registered or recorded in the name of the deceased proprietor ;

“ Soil Conservation Division ” means a Soil Conservation Division constituted under the provisions of this Law ;

“ soil conservation measure ” means any measure applied to land for the purpose of—

- (a) the prevention of soil erosion or the reclamation of land affected thereby ;
- (b) the prevention of sand drift or the reclamation of land affected thereby ;
- (c) the protection, conservation or improvement of the land, the vegetation, the surface of the land and the soil ;
- (d) the protection, conservation or stabilization of any water source or water supply ; or
- (e) the betterment of any stream, river, water course or water course lands ;

“ soil conservation works ” means any works constructed on land for any of the purposes mentioned in the definition of the words “ soil conservation measure.”

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE AND PREPARATION OF
SCHEME FOR SOIL CONSERVATION.

3. (1) It shall be lawful for the Commissioner, if it appears to him desirable that soil conservation measures should be applied to any area, to call a preliminary meeting of such persons as may, *prima facie*, appear to him to be proprietors within the area likely to be affected by such measures (hereinafter referred to as "the area affected"), and such persons, if they so decide, shall proceed to nominate from among themselves a provisional committee of not less than three and not more than five persons (hereinafter referred to as "the Provisional Committee"), which shall proceed in the manner hereinafter provided in connection with soil conservation measures within the area affected.

Preliminary
meeting and
provisional
committee.

(2) The Director of Agriculture shall be the Chairman of the Provisional Committee.

4. (1) The Provisional Committee shall, as soon as possible, after its formation, proceed to prepare a scheme for soil conservation in respect of the area affected with full particulars with regard to such scheme including—

Preparation
of Soil Con-
servation
Scheme.

- (a) the general measures which it is proposed to apply in connection therewith, together with an estimate of the approximate cost thereof ;
- (b) the area which may be affected by the scheme ;
- (c) the possible restrictions or regulation of grazing and of other rights or of the use of land for the prevention of soil erosion, the conservation, protection and improvement of the soil, the surface of the land, the vegetation and of the water supplies of the land.

(2) For the preparation of the scheme as in subsection (1) provided, the Provisional Committee may seek the assistance of any other person and all costs and expenses involved in the preparation of the scheme may, subject to the Administrative Secretary's consent, be defrayed from public revenue.