

land upon payment to the owners of double the value thereof, to be assessed by some person to be appointed for the purpose by the High Commissioner.

Short title. 14. This Law may be cited as the Mines Regulations Amendment Law, 1882.

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AS TO THE ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, THE ASSESSMENT AND LEVYING OF MUNICIPAL RATES AND THE AUDITING OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS AND OTHER MATTERS.

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Short title. 1. This Law may be cited as the Municipal Councils Law, 1882.

PART 1.

CREATION AND CONSTITUTION OF COUNCILS.

Continuance of established Municipalities.

2. Every town which at the time of this Law coming into force has a Municipal Council shall, subject to the provisions of this Law, continue to have a Municipal Council.

High Commissioner may allow establishment of Municipal Councils,

3. If on the petition to the High Commissioner of the inhabitant householders of any town or village or collection of towns or villages conveniently situate or of any of such inhabitants the High Commissioner in Council shall think fit to allow any such town or village or collection of towns or villages or any part thereof, which may be specified in the Order, with or without any adjoining place, to have a Municipal Council, it shall be lawful for the High Commissioner in Council to give such town or village or collection of towns or villages and the inhabitants thereof the right to have a Municipal Council with the powers, rights, duties and liabilities by law vested in and imposed upon Municipal Councils; and to define the limits within which the said Council shall have such powers,

rights and duties as aforesaid and to fix the number of councillors, and to make such temporary modifications of the laws relating to Municipal Councils as may appear to him to be necessary or proper for making the said laws applicable in the case of the first constitution of a Municipal Council.

Subject to the provisions of the Order of the High Commissioner in Council authorized by this section all laws relating to the management or government of places having a Municipal Council shall, upon any such Order coming into effect, be in force within every place to which the right to have a Municipal Council is extended.

4. It shall be lawful for the High Commissioner in Council to define the limits of the town, village or place in respect of which any Municipal Council shall exercise authority, and from time to time to alter, extend or diminish the limits within which such Council shall have authority, and, in default of and until any such definition be made, every Municipal Council existing at the time of the passing of this Law shall continue to have authority within the same limits as heretofore. and may
define limits.

The limits within which any Municipal Council shall have authority shall be called "the municipal limits."

5. It shall be lawful for the High Commissioner in Council, on a petition of a majority of the inhabitant householders of any town or village or collection of towns or villages having a Municipal Council, to direct that the Municipal Council thereof shall cease to exist, and thereupon the affairs of such town or village or collection of towns or villages shall be managed as though no Municipal Council had ever existed therein. Power to
abolish Muni-
cipal Councils
on petition of
inhabitants.

6. Every Municipal Council shall be composed of such number of councillors, including the persons to act as President and Vice-President, not less than eight or more than twelve, as the High Commissioner in Council shall direct; and of no other persons. Composition
of Municipal
Councils.

The Council shall be composed of Christian members and Moslem members in the same proportions as are the numbers of adult male Christians and adult male Moslems resident in the Municipality to one another, as ascertained by the last Government Census.

The respective numbers of Christian and Moslem members will be from time to time determined by the High Commissioner, whose decision shall be published in the *Cyprus Gazette* and shall be final and conclusive.

Duration of
Councils.
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7. All Municipal Councils shall come into office on the 1st of April and, subject as hereinafter appears, shall continue in office for three years.

PART 2.⁽¹⁾

QUALIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Qualification
of voters.

8.—(1) Every male person of 21 years of age and:—

(a) Whose name, on the last day of December in the year next preceding an election, appeared on the list of voters for the Legislative Council of the place for which the Municipal Council is to be elected; or

(b) Who, on the last day of December in any year, shall, during the whole of the preceding twelve months, have had his principal residence within the Municipal limits and who, during the period aforesaid, has paid, or has been under agreement to pay, rent for such period of not less than three pounds in respect of a house, warehouse, office, shop or other building, or of any part of a house, warehouse, office, shop or other building, situated within the Municipal limits,

shall be entitled to vote at elections of Municipal Councils.

“Rent-
payers.”

(2) Persons who are entitled under sub-section (1) (b) to vote at elections of Municipal Councils are hereinafter called “Rent-payers.”

Rent-payers’
lists.

9.—(1) The Commissioner of the District shall, on or before the 13th of January in every year, make out or cause to be made out lists of rent-payers (hereinafter called “Rent-payers’ Lists”) for each of the Municipalities in his District showing therein the property in respect of which any person on the list is entitled to be thereon.

(2) Rent-payers’ lists need not include the names of persons who are entitled to vote at Municipal elections by virtue of sub-section 1 (a) of section 8.

Deposit of
copies of
rent-payers’
lists.

10. All rent-payers’ lists shall be kept at the office of the Commissioner, and the Commissioner shall cause a copy of each of such lists to be deposited in some convenient place within the limits of the Municipality affected and shall publish within such limits a notice in English, Turkish and Greek of such deposit stating that the copy may be perused by any person at all reasonable hours between the 13th and 25th of January.

⁽¹⁾ Part 2=9 of 1907, 3-12.

11. Any person, who is not included in a rent-payers' list and claims to be included therein, and any person who objects to the inclusion of a name in a rent-payers' list, shall deposit in writing his claim for rectification duly signed by him, or duly marked by him and witnessed, at the Commissioner's Office not later than the 25th of January.

Claims for
rectification.

12. The Commissioner, having considered such claims, shall make such alterations in the rent-payers' lists as he thinks necessary, and shall cause a copy of such of the lists as he has altered to be deposited in some convenient place within the limits of the Municipality affected, and shall publish within such limits a notice in English, Turkish and Greek of such deposit stating that the list may be perused at all reasonable hours between the 15th and 22nd of February.

Consideration
of claims by
Commissioner.

13.—(1) Any person, who wishes to object to any alteration made by the Commissioner under Section 12 or whose claim for rectification has been rejected by the Commissioner, may apply to the District Court in manner hereinafter appearing.

Objections to
revisions by
Commis-
sioner.

(2) All objections under this section shall be filed in the District Court on or before the 22nd of February, and no such objection shall be entertained unless at the time of such filing a sum of five shillings is deposited with the Registrar of the District Court, which sum shall be forfeited to the Municipal Fund if the objection fails from any cause.

14.—(1) On or before the 23rd of February, the Commissioner shall transmit to the President of the District Court the rent-payers' lists with such alterations therein as the Commissioner may have made under Section 12 together with all objections deposited under Section 11, and the President of the District Court shall, as soon as conveniently may be, cause a notice in English, Turkish and Greek to be posted in each of the Municipalities affected by the alterations that all objections thereto will be heard and determined by him at a time or times to be specified in the notice.

Commissioner
to send
revised lists
and objections
to President
of District
Court.

Notice of
hearing by
President of
District
Court.

(2) Such proceedings before the President of the District Court shall be deemed to be judicial proceedings within the meaning of clause 193 of the Cyprus Courts of Justice Order, 1882.

15. On or before the 18th of March, the rent-payers' lists of voters, with such additions and alterations as the proceedings under Section 14 may have rendered necessary, shall be returned by the President of the District Court to the Commissioner of the District. Such lists shall be sealed with the seal of the District Court and

Lists as
finally revised
by President
of District
Court to be
returned to
Commis-
sioner.

shall be conclusive evidence of the persons for the time being entitled to vote by virtue of being rent-payers.

Cost of lists payable by Municipality.

16. All costs, charges and expenses, incurred in the preparation or revision of any rent-payers' list by or at the instance of the Commissioner, shall be paid by the Municipality affected to the Commissioner out of the Municipal Fund.

Commissioner to furnish copy of rent-payers' list on prepayment.

17. After the 18th of March, the Commissioner shall deliver a copy of the rent-payers' list to any elector of the Municipality affected thereby who applies for the same and prepays such sum as the Commissioner shall deem reasonable for such copy.

PART 3. (1)

QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

Qualifications and disqualifications of Councillors.

18.—(1) Every person who is qualified to vote at an election for a Municipal Council and who is not subject to any of the disqualifications hereinafter mentioned shall at such election be eligible as a member of a Municipal Council: Provided that the fact that the name of a person appeared in either of the lists mentioned in Sections 8 and 9 which were used at the election in question shall be conclusive evidence of his qualification to vote at the election.

(2) The following persons shall be disqualified for being elected and for sitting or voting as members of a Municipal Council:—

- (a) Judges of any Court in the Island.
- (b) Persons holding any office or place of profit, other than that of President, in the gift or disposal of the Municipal Council.
- (c) Any persons having directly or indirectly, by himself or his partner, any share or interest in any contract with by or on behalf of such Municipal Council; but no person being a shareholder of any anonyme or joint stock company shall be disqualified merely by reason of any contract between such company and such Municipal Council unless such person holds any office in such anonyme or joint stock company.
- (d) Bankrupts.
- (e) Persons convicted of any offence under Section 30 of this Law: Provided that the Court shall, in its judgment, specify the time during which the person convicted shall be ineligible as a member of a Municipal Council.

15, 1917, 7.

(1) Part 3 = 9 of 1907, 13-23 as amended by 15, 1907, 7-11, and 15, 1917, 7-11.