

(3.) Four members, including the Chairman or his representative, Quorum. or five members, in the absence of the Chairman, shall form a quorum. Provided that after two successive summonses business may proceed at any meeting which has been duly summoned if three members only are present.

(4.) In the absence of the Chairman or his duly appointed Chairman. representative, the members present shall choose one of their number to preside over the meeting.

10. Notwithstanding anything contained in the proviso to section 8, sub-section 3, the Governing Body may enter into engagements Engagement of teachers from abroad. with teachers coming from abroad for a period not exceeding five years.

11.—(1.) This Law shall come into operation on the first day of Repeat October, 1920, and thereupon the Secondary Education Law, 1905, and the Secondary Education (Amendment) Law, 1914, shall be repealed, save so far as the said Laws apply to members of the Greek-Christian Community and to the schools, schoolmasters or otherwise of that Community.

(2.) The High Commissioner may make such orders as may be necessary for the purpose of bringing the provisions of this Law into effect during any period which may elapse between the date of the coming into operation of this Law and any time referred to in this Law, and generally for the better carrying into operation of the provisions of this Law.

32 OF 1923.

TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ELEMENTARY (GREEK-CHRISTIAN) SCHOOLS IN CYPRUS.

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PART 1.

1. This Law may be cited as the Elementary Education (Greek Short title. Christian) Law, 1923.

2. In this Law unless the context otherwise requires:— Definitions.

“Village” includes all villages, village areas, groups of villages, and towns other than a village or town which is or shall be declared to be a town for the purposes of this Law.

“Town” includes the towns of Nicosia, Larnaca and Scala, Limassol, Famagusta and Varoshâ, Ktima and Paphos, and

repealed by Law 49/1929

Kyrenia, and any other village or town which the High Commissioner on the recommendation of the Board of Education may hereafter prescribe by notice in the *Cyprus Gazette* to be a town for the purposes of this Law.

“School” means any elementary school of the Greek-Christian community which receives any proportion of the school taxes levied under this Law.

“Village Commission” means the Mukhtar and Azas of the Greek-Christian Community of the village, the Mukhtar being Chairman. In cases where there is more than one Village Commission, the Village Commission shall be the joint Village Commissions, and the Mukhtar senior in age shall be Chairman. In places not being a town where there is a Municipal Council, the Municipal Council shall perform the duties of a Village Commission under this Law.

PART 2.

Boards and Committees.

Board of Education.

3. A Board of Education constituted as hereinafter mentioned shall regulate as hereinafter mentioned matters connected with Greek-Christian elementary education in the schools in Cyprus, and shall advise and assist the High Commissioner in the expenditure of the sums annually voted in aid thereof.

4. The Board of Education for Greek-Christian schools shall be composed of the Chief Secretary to the Government for the time being, or his representative, as Chairman, the Archbishop of Cyprus for the time being, or his representative, the Chief Inspector of Schools or his representative, three persons chosen by the Greek Orthodox members of the Legislative Council from among their own body, and six members of the Greek Orthodox community, one of whom shall be elected by the members of each District Committee.

Provided that the Board of Education shall be deemed to be duly constituted notwithstanding any default made in choosing or electing any member as aforesaid.

Provided that the Board of Education appointed under the provisions of the Education Law, 1905, shall hold office under the provisions of this Law until the constitution of the Board of Education under the provisions of this Law.

5. The Chief Inspector of Schools shall by direction of the Chairman call all meetings of the Board of Education or Sub-Committees of the Board of Education. He shall be present, either himself or by

Establishment of Board of Education.

Composition of Board.

Chief Inspector to be present at meetings.

his representative, at all proceedings and shall be Secretary of the Board.

6. The Board of Education for Greek-Christian schools shall take cognizance of the matters connected with Greek-Christian schools in the Island and of no others. Limitation of scope of Boards.

7. No schoolmaster employed under this Law may be a member of the Board of Education or of any District or Town Committee, or Village Commission. School-masters, &c.

8.—(1.) The Board of Education shall deliberate upon all matters connected with Greek-Christian elementary education and they shall have the following duties and powers, that is to say:— Duties of Board.

(a.) To frame regulations from time to time prescribing the curriculum and course of instruction to be followed in schools and the books to be used and the furniture or equipment required for each school and the duties of teachers and such regulations shall be published and shall be binding upon all teachers.

(b.) To fix the holidays and vacations for the schools according to the various localities.

(c.) To recommend to the High Commissioner the towns, villages or groups of villages in which schools shall be established and the grade of each school, the class and names of teachers to be appointed at each school; the salaries to be paid to each teacher; and the removal or transfer of a teacher, either on the recommendation of the District Committee or of their own motion.

(d.) In case of misconduct, neglect or inefficiency to order the dismissal, reduction in class, withholding of salary or suspension of any teacher from employment as a teacher for such period as may seem just and the revocation of such dismissal reduction or suspension. Provided that the teacher shall have the right within one month from the date of such order to appeal to the High Commissioner who shall make such order thereon as he shall think fit.

(e.) To recommend to the High Commissioner the Regulations to be made from time to time for the classification of teachers and, if having regard to the special conditions attaching to any school it may seem desirable the special qualifications of a teacher for such school.

(f.) To recommend to the High Commissioner that any Town Committee or Village Commission be required to provide, repair, improve or erect, extend or develop school buildings,

premises, playgrounds, yards, gardens and teachers' dwellings as hereinafter provided.

(g.) To recommend auditors to be appointed by the High Commissioner to audit the accounts of Town Committees or Village Commissions of expenditure incurred for all school purposes and the remuneration of such auditors.

(h.) To recommend to the High Commissioner grants from the Education Fund for maintenance or other minor expenses for school buildings and premises.

(i.) To consider and report to the High Commissioner all matters connected with education.

(j.) To perform all other duties which by the provisions of this Law are to be performed by them.

(2.) The High Commissioner shall have power to make such orders as he shall deem expedient for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Law.

9. There shall be at least three meetings of the Board of Education in the course of each year.

10. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless five members, at least, are actually present; provided always, that the Board of Education may appoint so many of its members as it may deem sufficient to form a Sub-Committee to transact such business as the Board may determine that may require to be dealt with in the intervals between the meetings of the Board. The Chief Secretary to Government or his representative shall be Chairman of each Sub-Committee.

If, on the second successive summons from the Secretary, five members are not present at the time and place appointed for the meeting, the Board may proceed with business if two members only are present.

District Committees.

11. There shall be in each District a District Committee of Education for Greek-Christian schools.

12.—(1.) The District Committee for Greek-Christian schools shall be composed of the Commissioner of the District for the time being, as Chairman, the Metropolitan of the Diocese, or his representative, and four other members of the Greek Orthodox community to be elected as hereinafter provided.

(2.) For the purposes of this section, in the Districts of Nicosia and Famagusta the Archbishop of Cyprus shall be considered as the Metropolitan of the Diocese.

(3.) The member or members of the Legislative Council who represent the Greek-Christian community of the District shall be members of the District Committees and shall have the right to be present at

Time of meeting.

Quorum of Boards.

Composition.

the meetings of the District Committees of the communities they represent and of voting on all matters that may be brought before them.

(4.) No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless four members, at least, are actually present. If, on the second successive summons, four members are not present at the time and place appointed for the meeting, the District Committee may proceed with business if two members only are present. Quorum.

13.—(1.) Every Town Committee and every Village Commission shall elect one of their number to be the town or village representative for the election of a District Committee. Election of representatives.

(2.) The Commissioner shall immediately after the passing of this Law and subsequently within one month after each election of a Town Committee by the Municipal Council send a notice in writing to each of the Town Committees and Village Commissions in his District requesting them forthwith to elect one of their number to be town or village representative; and the name of the person so elected by the Town Committee or Village Commission shall be notified to the Commissioner in writing signed by the majority of the Committee or Commission as soon as possible after the receipt of the notice.

(3.) On a day and between the hours to be notified in writing by the Commissioner to the Committee or Commission, the representatives shall attend at the office of the Commissioner and shall intimate to the Commissioner the names of the four persons for whom they wish to vote, and the four persons obtaining the majority of votes shall be declared duly elected. Election of District Committees.

(4.) In case of an equality of votes in any election under sub-section (1) or sub-section (3), the question of who shall be deemed to have been elected shall be decided by the drawing of lots under the supervision of the Commissioner or his nominee.

(5.) The Commissioner shall preside over the election, and shall allow any person claiming to be a candidate or the representative of a candidate, to the number of not more than twelve, to be present thereat.

14. Where any extraordinary vacancy is occasioned on a District Committee, the District Committee shall select some duly qualified person to fill the vacancy, and such person shall hold office until the next general election of a District Committee. Extraordinary vacancies.

15. The duties of the District Committees shall be:—

(a.) To consider and recommend to the Board of Education the villages in their District in which schools should be established;

(b.) To hear and determine complaints of the management of the school, either by the inhabitants or by the teacher, subject

Duties of Committees.