

No. 4 OF 1929.

A.D. 1929. TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO THE
4 of 1929. ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS IN CYPRUS.

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BE it enacted :—

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

Short title

1. This Law may be cited as the Elementary Education Law, 1929.

Inter-
pretation:

2. In this Law—

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

“Town” includes the towns of Nicosia, Larnaca and Scala, Limassol, Famagusta and Varosha, Ktima and Paphos, and Kyrenia, and any other village or town which the Governor may hereafter prescribe to be a town for the purposes of this Law.

“School” means any elementary school prescribed by the Governor to be in operation under this Law in any town or village, and for Moslem schools it includes those which have Mumtaz or Rushdié classes.

“Service” means service in a school in Cyprus.

“Village Commission” means the Mukhtar and Azas of the religious community of the village interested in the school, the Mukhtar being Chairman. In places not being a town where there is a Municipal Council, the members of such Municipal Council belonging to the religious community interested in the school shall perform the duties of a Village Commission under this Law.

*Repealed by
Law 18/1933.*

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the District in which the town or village, where a school is in operation, is situate.

PART II.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND VILLAGE COMMISSIONS.

BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

3. There shall be established Boards of Education constituted as hereinafter mentioned, which shall exercise the functions and perform the duties entrusted to them by this Law.

Establishment of Boards of Education

4.—(1) The Board of Education for Greek-Christian schools shall be composed as follows:—

Composition of Board for Greek-Christian schools.

(a) The Colonial Secretary or his representative, as Chairman; and

(b) The Archbishop of Cyprus or his representative; and

(c) The Director of Education or his representative; and

(d) Six other members who shall be appointed in the manner following:—

(i.) The Greek-Christian Elected Members of the Legislative Council sitting together shall, within thirty days of a written notice from the Colonial Secretary proceed to select, either unanimously or by majority, twelve duly qualified persons of the Greek Orthodox community two from each District, having knowledge of and interest in education, and shall report in writing to the Colonial Secretary within the time aforesaid the names of the persons so selected.

(ii.) Of the persons so selected as in the preceding sub-section provided the Governor shall appoint six persons, one from each District, to be members of the Board of Education.

Composition
of Board
for Moslem
schools.

(2) The Board of Education for Moslem schools shall be composed as follows :—

(a) The Colonial Secretary or his representative, as Chairman ; and

(b) The Director of Education or his representative ; and

(c) The Delegates of Evcaf or their representatives ; and

(d) Six other members who shall be appointed in the manner following :—

(i.) The Moslem Elected Members of the Legislative Council sitting together shall, within thirty days of a written notice from the Colonial Secretary proceed to select, either unanimously or by majority, twelve duly qualified persons of the Mohammedan community two from each District, having knowledge of and interest in education, and shall report in writing to the Colonial Secretary within the time aforesaid the names of the persons so selected.

(ii.) Of the persons so selected as in the preceding sub-section provided the Governor shall appoint six persons, one from each District, to be members of the Board of Education.

Composition
of Board for
other schools.

(3) The Colonial Secretary shall fulfil the functions and perform the duties of a Board of Education for the schools of any other religious community in Cyprus.

Provided that the Colonial Secretary may by writing under his hand delegate all or any of his functions or duties under this section to the Director of Education.

Tenure of
office.

(4) Every member of a Board of Education appointed under this section shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of his appointment.

Power to
Governor to
appoint
members of
Boards in
certain cases.

(5) In the event of the Elected Members of the Legislative Council neglecting or refusing or being unable or unwilling for any reason to perform or carry out the duty which by the provisions of this section is to be performed by them, the Governor may proceed to appoint six duly qualified persons of the Greek Orthodox community or of the Mohammedan community, as the case may be, to be members of the Boards of Education for Greek-Christian or Moslem schools, respectively.

5. The Director of Education shall by direction of the Chairman call all meetings of the Boards of Education or Sub-Committees of the Boards of Education. He shall be present, either himself or by his representative, at all proceedings and shall be Secretary of the Boards.

Director of Education to be present at meetings.

6. The Boards of Education shall deliberate upon all matters connected with elementary education and they shall have the following duties and powers, that is to say:—

Duties of Boards.

(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 such regulations shall be published and shall be binding upon all teachers.

Provided that such regulations shall contain such provision for any technical branch of education and for any matters or things connected therewith as the Governor may from time to time determine.

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

(c) To recommend to the Governor the towns, villages or groups of villages in which schools shall be in operation in each year and the grade of each school.

(d) To recommend to the Governor the regulations to be made from time to time for the classification of teachers.

(e) To recommend to the Governor that any Town Committee or Village Commission or Committee of Management be required to provide, erect, repair, extend, improve or develop school buildings, premises, playgrounds, yards, gardens and teachers' dwellings as hereinafter provided.

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

(g) To recommend to the Governor grants from the Education Funds established under this Law in special cases for any school purpose approved by the Governor.

(h) To consider all matters connected with education and to report thereon to the Governor.

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

Time of meeting.

7. There shall be at least two meetings of every Board of Education in the course of each year.

Quorum of Boards

8. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless four members, at least, are actually present; provided always, that every 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 Colonial Secretary or his representative shall be Chairman of each Sub-Committee.

If, on the second successive summons from the Secretary, four 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.

Member may resign.

9.—(1) Any member of any Board of Education other than an *ex-officio* member may resign his membership by giving notice in writing to the Colonial Secretary.

Vacation of membership.

(2) Any member other than an *ex-officio* member who has not on the thirty-first day of December in each year, attended one-half of the meetings of the Board during the preceding twelve months or during his tenure of office in such months shall be considered to have vacated his seat on the Board unless good cause is shown for such absence to the satisfaction of the Colonial Secretary.

Filling vacancies.

(3) Any vacancy in a Board of Education shall be filled by the Governor by appointing in the manner in section 4 of this Law prescribed a duly qualified person to fill the vacancy.

TOWN COMMITTEES, VILLAGE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF MANAGEMENT.

Town schools, Greek-Christian.

10.—(1) For Greek-Christian schools in any town, there shall be a Town Committee constituted as follows:—

(a) The Metropolitan of the Diocese shall be Chairman and the President of the Municipal Council, if a Greek-Christian, shall be Vice-Chairman. If neither are present at any meeting the members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman for that meeting.

Provided that for the purpose of this sub-section, the Archbishop of Cyprus shall be deemed to be the Metropolitan of the Diocese in respect of any town in the Districts of Nicosia and Famagusta.