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A LAW TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION AND TO CONSOLIDATE THE **A.D. 1933.**
 LAW IN REGARD TO ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND **18 of 1933.**
 TO PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

R. E. STUBBS,
 Governor.

[27th May, 1933.

BE it enacted:—

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

1. This Law may be cited as the Elementary Education Law, Short title.
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2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Assistant Director” means the Assistant Director of
 Education.

“child”, except in so far as may be otherwise prescribed
 by regulations, means any person between the ages of four
 and fourteen.

“Colony” means the Colony of Cyprus.

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

“Director” means the Director of Education.

“dwelling house” means any house, room, structure,
 yard or place situated within any compulsory school attendance
 area and owned, occupied or used by any parent.

“married” or “married woman” includes in respect of a
 female teacher who professes the Mohammedan faith, a female
 teacher who has been betrothed (*nikah*) in accordance with
 the rites of the Mohammedan faith.

“Orthodox-Christian” means—

(a) where used in respect of persons, any person who belongs
 to the Greek-Orthodox Church, and

(b) where used in respect of schools, any school prescribed
 for the community belonging to the Greek-Orthodox
 Church, and

(c) where used in respect of educational bodies established
 under this Law, any educational body performing duties
 and exercising powers in relation to any Greek-Orthodox
 school.

“parent” means the father or other person having control
 or care of, or in his employment, any child.

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“ regulations ” means the regulations made by the Governor under the provisions of this Law.

“ school ” means any elementary school prescribed by the Governor to be in operation under this Law in any town or village.

“ school year ” means a period of twelve months commencing on the first day of September in any year.

“ service ” means service in a school in the Colony.

“ 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.

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

“ Village Commission ” means—

(a) in respect of a village which is not a Municipal Corporation, the Mukhtar and Azas of the religious community for which the school has been prescribed, with the Mukhtar as Chairman :

Provided that where in any village or group of villages there is more than one Mukhtar of the religious community for which the school has been prescribed, all the Mukhtars and Azas of such religious community shall be the Village Commission, with the Mukhtar of the village or quarter possessing the greatest number of inhabitants of such religious community as Chairman.

(b) in respect of a village which, not being a town, is a Municipal Corporation, the members of the Municipal Council thereof belonging to the religious community for which the school has been prescribed, with the Mayor or Deputy Mayor or, if neither of them belong to such religious community, the oldest of such members, as the case may be, as Chairman :

Provided that where the number of such members does not exceed four, the Mukhtar and Azas of the religious community for which the school has been prescribed, shall be the Village Commission, with the Mukhtar as Chairman.

PART II.

CENTRAL AUTHORITY AND DIRECTOR.

3. The Governor shall be the central authority for all matters relating to elementary education in the Colony and, subject to the provisions of this Law, he is hereby charged with the control and supervision and the performance of all duties and the exercise of all powers connected therewith.

Central
authority.

4.—(1) The Governor may from time to time delegate to—

- (a) the Director,
- (b) the Boards of Education,
- (c) the Town Committees,
- (d) the Village Commissions,
- (e) the Committees of Management,

Power of
delegation to
Governor.

the performance of all or any of the duties and the exercise of all or any of the powers vested in the Governor under this Law.

(2) The Governor may at any time revoke any such delegation.

Power of
revocation.

5.—(1) The Governor may from time to time make regulations to be published in the *Cyprus Gazette* for all or any of the purposes of this Law.

Power to
Governor to
make regula-
tions.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such regulations may relate to all or any of the following matters, except where specific provision therefor is made in this Law, that is to say:—

Regulations
for specific
subjects.

- (a) the ages (not being less than four or more than fourteen) between which children shall be entitled to attend school or to receive elementary instruction therein free of charge, and the ages (not being less than four or more than twelve) between which children shall attend school in a compulsory school attendance area;
- (b) the attendance of children at school, their expulsion, removal or superannuation therefrom and the transfer of children from one school to another;
- (c) the auditing of school accounts;
- (d) the books to be used in schools and in school libraries;
- (e) the conduct of business at meetings of Boards of Education, Town Committees, Village Commissions and Committees of Management;
- (f) the classification, examination, registration and promotion of teachers and by whom they shall be made;
- (g) the curriculum, syllabus and courses of instruction to be followed in schools;

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- (h) the development, erection, extension, improvement, provision, renting or repairing of any school buildings, gardens, playgrounds, premises and yards in any town or village and, in any village, of teachers' dwellings ;
- (i) the duties and powers of school attendance officers, inspectors, assistant inspectors and sub-inspectors of schools ;
- (j) the duties and powers of teachers ;
- (k) the discipline to be enforced upon children ;
- (l) the establishment, management and maintenance of school libraries ;
- (m) the furniture and equipment of schools ;
- (n) the grading of schools ;
- (o) the grants and loans to be made from the Education Funds established under this Law or otherwise ;
- (p) the health, cleanliness, medical inspection and nutrition of children attending school ;
- (q) the holidays and vacations to be kept in schools and by teachers, and the manner of celebrating any holiday ;
- (r) the inspection, examination, management, supervision and hours of opening and closing of schools ;
- (s) the nature of information which shall be furnished to teachers or school attendance officers by any person from whom such information may be demanded ;
- (t) the mode of administering and accounting for any school property by Town Committees, Village Commissions and Committees of Management ;
- (u) the mode of payment of teachers' salaries and the times at which they are to be paid ;
- (v) the qualifications, educational and otherwise, to be possessed by teachers.

Regulations may provide for penalties for breaches thereof.

(3) The regulations may provide for the imposition on offenders against the same of penalties not exceeding five pounds for each offence, and in case of a continuing offence a further penalty not exceeding two pounds for each day during which the offence continues.

Power to Governor to prescribe any village to be a town.

6. The Governor may from time to time by Order prescribe any village or town to be a town for the purposes of this Law and from and after the date of the publication of such Order in the *Cyprus Gazette* the village or town therein prescribed shall be a town for all the purposes of this Law.

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7. The Director shall have power from time to time to issue, and when issued amend, alter or revoke, directions—

Specific powers to Director.

- (a) prescribing the form of account books, records and registers to be kept by Town Committees, Village Commissions, Committees of Management and teachers ;
- (b) prescribing the form of returns to be made by Town Committees, Village Commissions, Committees of Management and teachers and the times at which such returns are to be made ;
- (c) prescribing the form of estimate to be used by Town Committees, Village Commissions and Committees of Management ;
- (d) authorizing any Town Committee, Village Commission or Committee of Management to utilize any item in the Estimates not required for the purposes for which it was provided or any saving thereon for any other purpose specified therein or for the purpose of covering any excess of expenditure in respect of any other item appearing therein ;
- (e) regulating the sanitation in school buildings or premises ;
- (f) regulating the supply or sale to children by Town Committees, Village Commissions, Committees of Management and teachers of books prescribed by regulations to be used in schools.

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PART III.

EDUCATIONAL BODIES.

BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

8. There shall be established Boards of Education composed as hereinafter provided.

Establishment of Boards of Education.

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

Composition of Board for Orthodox-Christian schools.

- (a) the Director, as Chairman ;
- (b) the Assistant Director, as Vice-Chairman ;
- (c) the Archbishop of Cyprus or his representative ; and
- (d) six other duly qualified members of the Orthodox-Christian community, having knowledge of and an interest in elementary education, appointed by the Governor, one from each District.