

**Land Improvement Act  
(CHAPTER 153)**

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# **LAND IMPROVEMENT ACT**

## **(CHAPTER 153)**

(Original Enactment: Ordinance 2 of 1901)

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An Act to provide for the improvement of agricultural lands.

[5th February 1901]

### **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Land Improvement Act.

### **Works contemplated by this Act**

2. The following works and repairs may be carried out under this Act:
  - (a) works constructed to prevent the inundation of marsh lands by sea;
  - (b) irrigation works;
  - (c) drainage works;
  - (d) any works of a similar nature which are necessary or expedient for the improvement of agricultural lands; and
  - (e) any repairs to, including the maintenance in repair of, any of the above works, whether they are works that have been carried out under this Act or were in existence before 5th February 1901.

### **Expediency of work determined by meeting of proprietors**

3. The Collector of Land Revenue may, either of his own motion or at the request of 3 or more proprietors of agricultural land, call a meeting of the proprietors of any lands which are likely to be affected by any proposed work or repairs, and may require them, in the notice calling the meeting, to show cause thereat why the work or repairs, as the case may be, should not be carried out under this Act.

### **Report by Collector of Land Revenue**

4.—(1) If a majority consisting of not less than two-thirds of the proprietors present at the meeting, either in person or by proxy in writing, object to the proposed work or repairs being carried out, and duly evidence their objection by recording their votes against the proposal, the Collector of Land Revenue shall declare that sufficient cause has been shown why the proposed work or repairs should not be so carried out; otherwise he shall declare it to be determined that it is expedient that the work or repairs should be carried out under this Act, and shall forward a report of that determination to the Minister.

(2) That report shall show approximately the holdings of land likely to be affected, including State lands, and the names, so far as he can ascertain them, of the proprietors of those holdings.

(3) When it is determined under this section that it is expedient that any work shall be placed in a state of repair and subsequently maintained in repair, or placed in a state of repair without provision being made for its subsequent maintenance in repair, sections 5 to 16 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the placing of the work in a state of repair with or without its subsequent maintenance in repair, the carrying out of the repairs and provisions required for the maintenance being treated for the purpose of the application as equivalent to the construction of a work under this Act.

### **Specification of works**

5. If it appears to the Minister expedient that the proposed work should be undertaken by the Government, the Minister shall appoint a committee consisting of two or more persons to make a detailed specification showing —

- (a) the particulars of the work to be undertaken;
- (b) the approximate cost of the construction of the work;
- (c) the approximate cost per annum of maintenance; and
- (d) the lands to be benefited by the work.

### **Deposit of specification for objections**