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GEORGII V REGIS.

A.D. 1927.

No. 1843.

An Act to Impose a Surcharge upon Water Rates for the Financial Year, 1927-1928, to amend the Waterworks Acts, 1882 to 1925, and for other purposes.

[Assented to, January 5th, 1928.]

BE it Enacted by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Waterworks Act, 1927." Short titles.
(2) The Waterworks Acts, 1882 to 1925, and this Act may be cited together as the "Waterworks Acts, 1882 to 1927."
(3) The Waterworks Act, 1882, is hereinafter called "the principal Act".
2. This Act is incorporated with the other Acts mentioned in section 1 of this Act, and those Acts and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation.
3. In addition to any amount payable apart from this section as water rates for the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, there shall be paid by every person liable to pay any such rates, a surcharge on those rates equal to twenty-five per centum of the amount of those rates, which surcharge shall be payable and recoverable at the same time and in the same manner as the said rates. Surcharge on water rates for 1927-1928.

4. Section:

Waterworks Act.—1927.

Amendment of
principal Act, s. 10.

4. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended by striking out in the second and third lines of paragraph III. thereof the words "except the Adelaide water district."

Amendment of Act
1473, 1921, s. 13.

5. Section 13 of the Waterworks Act Amendment Act, 1921, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following passage :—

Any notice published under this section at any time during the currency of the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, may fix the annual fee to be paid for the use of meters during the whole of the said period, and any such notice published at any time during the currency of any subsequent period may fix the annual fee to be paid for the use of meters during the whole of that subsequent period.

New section, 54A—
Councils to notify
Hydraulic Engineer
of intended road
making.

6. Part IV. of the principal Act is amended by inserting therein after section 54 the following section :—

54A. (1) No District Council shall plough or dig the surface of any road or street within any Water District unless that Council has not later than fourteen days before commencing so to dig or plough given notice in writing to the Hydraulic Engineer of its intention so to do.

(2) If any Council does not give notice as required in this section, and ploughs or digs the surface of any road or street and thereby injures any lock, cock, valve pipe or other fitting belonging to the Commissioner, such Council shall be conclusively deemed to have injured such lock, cock, valve pipe or other fitting carelessly within the meaning of the next preceding section, and shall be liable accordingly.

Amendment of
principal Act, s. 92—
Power of distress.

7. Section 92 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by adding after the word "executed" in the eighth line of the said section the words "or of the goods and chattels of the person owning the said premises"; and

(b) by striking out all words in the said section from and including the words "and in case" in the eighth line of the said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following passage :—

The Commissioner may in the first instance at his option cause to be distrained under this section either the goods and chattels of the person occupying the premises in respect of which rates are due and unpaid or the goods and chattels of the owner of the said premises; and in case no sufficient goods and chattels of the person against whom distress is levied in the first instance are found to satisfy the distress, the Commissioner may cause to be distrained the goods and chattels of the other person whose goods and chattels are under this section liable to distraint.

If

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If the owner of any premises in respect of which any rates are due and unpaid is absent from the State, and upon distress being levied no sufficient goods of the occupier can be found to satisfy such distress; the agent of the owner shall be liable for the said rates and the same may be recovered from him.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

G. J. R. MURRAY, Lieutenant-Governor.