



CHAPTER 69

An Act respecting the creation and maintenance of Provincial Health Units

[Assented to, the 22nd of March, 1928]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The Revised Statutes, 1925, are amended by inserting therein, after chapter 186 thereof, the following chapter. R. S., c. 186A, added.

“CHAPTER 186A

“AN ACT RESPECTING HEALTH UNITS

“1. This act may be cited as the *Health Units Act*. Short title.

“2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may establish, on the recommendation of the Director of the Provincial Bureau of Health, in the counties or groups of counties, as the case may be, which apply for same, public health services designated by the name of “county health units” and intended to promote and protect public health, and may set apart for the creation and maintenance of said health units the sums representing half of the annual budget of each health unit. Establishment of county health units. Setting apart of sums.

Such sums shall be taken from the consolidated revenue fund on the request in writing of the Director of the Provincial Bureau of Health, to be placed in a special fund devoted to the creation and maintenance of health units, held in trust by the Provincial Treasurer. Special fund.

“3. In every county or group of counties in which, under the preceding section, a health unit has been established, the council or councils of the counties interested Tax to be collected.

may collect, by resolution, a tax on the taxable property, representing for the first year at least one-fifth of the budget established by the Provincial Bureau of Health for such unit, for the second year one-fourth, for the third year one-third, and for subsequent years, one-half. All said county councils may, however, establish, before the fourth year after the creation of a health unit, a levy representing one-half of the said annual budget.

Health unit may have care of public health of cities or towns.

“4. In any county in which independent city or town municipalities are situated, the municipal councils of the said cities or towns may hand over to the county health unit the care of their public health, subject to their contributing to the operating costs of the latter, on the same footing as the councils of the counties interested, so that the total levies raised from all municipalities shall represent the contribution mentioned in the preceding section.

Contributions of independent or foreign bodies.

“5. The Director of the Provincial Bureau of Health may, for the aforesaid purposes, accept and pay over to the Provincial Treasurer, in trust, any contribution made by independent or foreign bodies wishing to promote the interests of health in the said county health units, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of section 8 of the Quebec Public Health Act (Chap. 186).

Direction and control.

“6. The county health units shall be under the direction and control of the Director of the Provincial Bureau of Health who may delegate any officer of the said Bureau to supervise them.

Medical officer.

“7. The appointment of the medical officer of each health unit shall be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council who shall fix his salary.

Action ratified.

“8. The action of the county councils and of the municipal councils of certain cities and towns which have hitherto contributed, by resolution, towards the costs of already-existing health units, is ratified.

Carrying out of act.

“9. The Provincial Secretary is charged with the carrying out of this act.”

Coming into force.

2. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.