



## CHAPTER 52

### An Act to amend the Reformatory School Act

[Assented to, the 11th of March, 1926]

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

**1.** Section 24 of the Reformatory School Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 159) is replaced by the following: R. S., c. 159, s. 24, re-placed.

**"24.** The custody and maintenance of a child in a reformatory school shall be paid one-half by the Government and one-half by the city, town or rural municipality in which the child was at the time of his arrest, or, if the child was arrested in territory not erected into a municipality nor annexed to a neighbouring local municipality, by the county municipality governing such territory; and, in the case of a child sent to an industrial school under the provisions of section 55 of the Industrial School Act (Chap. 160), one-half shall be paid by the Government and one-half by the city, town or rural municipality, in which the said child was at the time he entered the industrial school, saving, in both cases, the recourse of such municipality, when the child was not then domiciled within its territory, against the municipality where he had his domicile, or against the county municipality governing the unorganized territory in which the child had his domicile. Payment of costs of custody and maintenance of child.

If, however, the municipality called upon to pay in virtue of this section, indicates clearly to the Provincial Secretary, before the suit is taken, the municipality or unorganized territory in which the child had his domicile, the Government shall cause such municipality, or the county municipality governing such territory, to pay directly." Idem.

**2.** Section 26 of the said act is replaced by the following: R. S., c. 159, s. 26, re-placed.

**"26.** Immediately upon the receipt of such list, the Pro- Statement

of amounts due. v. Provincial Secretary shall prepare a detailed statement, for each municipality, of the amounts due by it, under this act."

R. S., c. 159, s. 27, replaced. **3.** Section 27 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Statement to the clerk or sec.-treasurer of municipality concerned. **"27.** As soon as he has prepared the statement, the Provincial Secretary shall transmit, to the clerk or secretary-treasurer of the municipality concerned, a duly certified extract from such statement, containing the names of the children to whose maintenance the said municipality must contribute, as well as the amount due for the preceding year, together with a notice calling upon him to pay into his hands, before the first day of May then next, the amount due for the purpose."

R. S., c. 159, s. 28, replaced. **4.** Section 28 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Action in recovery. **"28.** The amount shall be recoverable by an ordinary suit or action against each municipality so indebted for maintenance.

Idem. Such action shall be taken by the collector of revenue for the district, in his own name, against every such municipality, before any court of competent jurisdiction."

R. S., c. 159, s. 29, replaced. **5.** Section 29 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Amount considered as a debt. **"29.** The amount paid by a municipality, in virtue of this act, shall be considered as a debt which may be levied under the Municipal Code or the charter of the city or town, and it may be collected in the same manner as ordinary taxes."

R. S., c. 159, s. 32, am. **6.** Section 32 of the said act is amended by striking out the words: "county, city or town", in the first line thereof.

Idem, s. 34, replaced. **7.** Section 34 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Recourse by county municipality. **"34.** Any county municipality which, under section 24, has paid a sum of money to the Government for the custody and maintenance of a child in a reformatory school, or for his transport to or from such school, may, if the recourse provided by sections 32 and 33 is insufficient, levy the amount necessary to reimburse it upon the local municipalities in the county, in the same manner as any ordinary tax imposed under the Municipal Code and due by such local municipalities."

R. S., c. 159, s. 35, replaced. **8.** Section 35 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Recovery by local municipality. **"35.** Whenever a municipality has paid a sum of money to the Government for a child confined in a reformatory

school, and cannot recover the amount from and out of the property of the said child or of those who are bound by law to provide for his maintenance, it may in the two following cases,—

1. when the said child has no domicile in the Province, or
2. when the municipality is a poor municipality, and is recognized as such by the county council,—

recover from the county council, and the latter may levy the amount paid from the local municipalities in the county in the same manner as any ordinary tax imposed under the Municipal Code and due by the said local municipalities.”

**9.** Section 36 of the said act is amended by striking out R. S., c. 159, the words: “county, city or town”, in the third and fourth <sup>s. 36, am.</sup> lines thereof.

**10.** This act shall come into force on the day of its <sup>Coming into</sup> sanction. <sub>force.</sub>

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