

# British Columbia's "Engineering Profession Act"

Complete Text of Act Passed by Legislature of British Columbia Relating to Practice of Engineering Profession in That Province—Safeguards and Penalties—Provisions of Act to be Enforced April 1st, 1921

**I**N order that engineers throughout Canada may be in possession of the full text of the British Columbia Act relating to the practice of engineering in that province, the bill as passed by the legislature is presented in full herewith:—

WHEREAS a petition has been presented praying that the qualifications necessary to permit persons to act or practise as Professional Engineers be established by legislation; AND WHEREAS it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

THEREFORE His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the "Engineering Profession Act."

## Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:

(a) "Professional Engineer" means any person registered as a Professional Engineer under the provisions of this Act;

(b) The "Practice of Professional Engineering" means the carrying on for hire, gain, or hope of reward of any branch of Civil, Mining, Mechanical, Electrical, Chemical or Structural Engineering, and shall be deemed to include reporting on, designing, or directing the construction of public utilities, industrial works, railways, bridges, highways, canals, harbor works, river improvements, lighthouses, wet docks, dry docks, floating docks, launch ways, marine ways, steam engines, turbines, pumps, internal combustion engines, air ships and aeroplanes, electrical machinery and apparatus, chemical operations, machinery, and works for the development, transmission or application of power, light and heat, grain elevators, municipal works, irrigation works, water works, water purification plants, incinerators, hysewage disposal works, drainage works, incinerators, hydraulic works, and all other engineering works, and all buildings necessary to the proper housing, installation and operation of the engineering works embraced in this section;

The execution as a Contractor of work designed by a Professional Engineer, the supervision or construction or work as a foreman or superintendent or as an inspector, or as a roadmaster, trackmaster, bridge or building master, or as superintendent of maintenance, shall not be deemed to be the practice of Professional Engineering within the meaning of this Act;

(c) "The Association" means the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia;

(d) "Council" means the Executive Council of the Association;

(e) "President" means the President of the Association;

(f) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the Association;

(g) "The Secretary" means the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association;

(h) "Board" means the Board of Examiners of the Association;

(i) Nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to require the registration or license of anyone registered as an architect under any Act of the Province of British Columbia relating to the practice of architecture, where the practice of such person is confined to architecture, and nothing in this Act shall apply to any British Columbia or Dominion Land Surveyor practicing his profession, except that such surveyor shall not style himself nor hold himself out as a Professional Engineer unless he is licensed or registered under the provisions of this Act;

(j) "Registration" means the admission of an Engineer to membership in the Association and the enrollment of his

name in the Register, and "Certificate of Registration" means the official certificate under the seal of the Association evidencing the same;

(k) "Licensed" means that permission has been given to a non-resident Engineer to temporarily practise professional engineering without being registered, and "License" means the official certificate under the seal of the Association evidencing such permission.

## Association of Professional Engineers

3. (a) All persons registered as Professional Engineers under the provisions of this Act are hereby constituted "The Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia," and shall be a body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession and a common seal;

(b) The head office of the Association shall be at Vancouver, British Columbia.

4. The Association shall have power to acquire and hold real property not producing at any time an annual income in excess of ten thousand dollars, and personal property, and to alienate, mortgage, lease or otherwise charge or dispose of the same or any part thereof as occasion may require, and to sue and be sued.

5. The Association may pass by-laws not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, regarding:

(a) The election of the Executive Council of the Association;

(b) The government, discipline and honor of the Members;

(c) The maintenance of the Association and the management of its property;

(d) The fixing of an annual fee not in excess of fifteen dollars, and other fees;

(e) The levying, remission and collecting of annual and other fees;

(f) The examination and admission of candidates to the study and practice of Professional Engineering;

(g) The calling and conduct of meetings, voting, quorum and general business, banking, borrowing and credits;

(h) All other purposes reasonably necessary for the management of the Association.

6. (a) All by-laws or amendments thereto shall become effective only after ratification by two-thirds majority of the votes received from the Members of the Association in good standing at a meeting duly convened. The Registrar shall file with the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council a copy of each by-law or any amendment thereto, immediately the same is ratified, certified under the seal of the Association as a true copy;

(b) Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, any by-law may be disallowed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

## Who May Practice

7. (a) Only such persons who are Members of the Association and registered as such under the provisions of this Act, or who have received a License from the Council of the Association as hereinafter provided, shall be entitled within the Province of British Columbia to take and use the title of "Professional Engineer," or any abbreviation thereof, or to engage in the Practice of "Professional Engineering."

(b) Any person residing in the Province of British Columbia at the date of the passing of this Act, who is at that date, and has been for five years previously practising Professional Engineering as defined in Sub-section (b) of Section 2, shall be entitled to be duly registered as a Member of the Association without examination; provided that such person shall produce to the Council, on or before the first