

THE KINGSTON SAILORS' HOME ACT

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3rd Sch.

[1st October, 1879.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Kingston Sailors' Home Act. Short title.

2. In this Act— Interpreta-
tion.
 "Home" means the Kingston Sailors' Home in this Act mentioned;
 "sailor" means any man who has served in any capacity at sea, and includes any person who is admitted to the Home as a sailor;
 "subscriber" means any person who has contributed a donation of not less than forty dollars to the Home, or who has duly paid an annual subscription of not less than two dollars to the Home, at the time and in the manner prescribed by rules to be made by the Board;
 "subscriptions" includes donations, gifts and collections, by corporations or private individuals.

3. There shall be established an institution, to be called the Kingston Sailors' Home, for the purpose of providing temporary board and lodging, upon reasonable terms and under proper supervision, for sailors out of employment. Establish-
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the Home.

4. The Home shall be under the control and management of a governing body, hereinafter referred to as "the Board." Governing
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corporate.

The Board shall be a body corporate by the name of "the Board of Directors of the Kingston Sailors' Home," and by that name shall have a common seal, and may sue and be sued, and may acquire, hold and dispose of lands and other property for the purposes of the Home.

Constitution of the Board of Directors.

5. The Board shall consist of the Custos of Kingston, the Collector of Customs and the Harbour Master respectively of Kingston for the time being, and of four members who shall be from time to time appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of the subscribers to the Home.

The Custos of Kingston shall be the Chairman of the Board.

Three members of the Board shall form a quorum.

The Board shall once in each year summon a meeting of the subscribers to the Home to be held at the Home.

The subscribers to the Home personally present at such meeting may nominate four persons for appointment to the Board, and any such nomination agreed upon by a majority of members present shall be transmitted by the Chairman of the Board to the Minister, and shall be the recommendation mentioned in this section.

If no nomination is made at such meeting the members of the Board previously appointed by the Minister shall remain in office.

If any vacancy occurs upon the Board the Minister may appoint some fit person to fill the vacancy pending a recommendation of the subscribers to the Home.

No act or proceeding of the Board shall be questioned on account of any vacancy upon the Board.

Annual meeting of subscribers, and annual report.

6. The Board shall prepare and lay before the annual meeting of the subscribers to the Home a report of its proceedings for the preceding year, including a complete statement of its financial position and of its accounts duly audited, and such report shall be transmitted to the Minister, and shall be published in the *Gazette*.

7. The Board may acquire property, and may regulate, deal with and dispose of, any property under its control, in such manner as it may deem conducive to the purposes of the Home.

Power of the Board to acquire and deal with property.

8. There shall be placed on the estimates of public expenditure in each year, to be laid before the House of Representatives, a proposal for a grant to be appropriated to the purposes of the Home, of a sum equal to double the total amount of subscriptions paid to the Home during the preceding year, or such less sum as the Minister may think necessary or desirable for the carrying on of the Home in a proper and efficient manner.

Annual grants in aid.

9. The Board may from time to time appoint, or remove a fit person to be the Superintendent of the Home, and may allow him reasonable remuneration out of the funds at its disposal, and may delegate to such person so much of its authority for the management of the Home as it thinks fit, but the Superintendent shall not have power to make rules.

Superintendent and other officers of the Home.

The Board may also in like manner appoint and remove and remunerate such officers and other persons as it may deem expedient for the purposes of the Home.

10. The Board may from time to time make rules for the conduct of its business, and for regulating the holding and manner of conducting the annual meeting of subscribers, and the conduct of business thereat, and the time and manner of paying subscriptions, and for the government and management of the Home, and of the officers and inmates thereof, and for regulating the terms of admission to the Home, and for establishing penalties for the violation of such rules, not to exceed ten dollars to be recoverable, in default of payment, on summary conviction :

Power to make rules.

Provided that all rules enforceable by penalties under this section shall be subject to the approval of the Minister.

Power to deal with destitute inmates of Home. 42/1969 3rd Sch.

11. When an inmate of the Home is destitute, and likely to become a permanent burden to the Home, it shall be lawful for the Board in its discretion to send him to his native country at the expense of the Home.

Deserters from the Home, and power to arrest and punish them.

12. Every sailor who being indebted to the Home absents himself therefrom for upwards of twelve hours without the leave of the Superintendent, or for one hour after leave has expired, shall be deemed to be a deserter from the Home, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding four dollars.

Every deserter may be apprehended at any place within this Island without warrant, either by the Superintendent or by any constable.

Any Superintendent of the Home arresting or causing to be arrested any person under this section on improper or insufficient grounds shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars.

Any person who knowingly harbours a deserter, or who assists or induces any sailor to desert from the Home, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars.

Penalties under this section shall be recoverable on summary conviction.