

The Veterinary Services Act

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Chapter V-6 of *The Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1978* (effective February 26, 1979) as amended by the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1979-80, c.M-32.01; 1980-81, c.83; and 1989-90, c.54.*

NOTE:

This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.

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CHAPTER V-6

An Act respecting Veterinary Services in Rural Areas

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Veterinary Services Act*.

Interpretation

2 In this Act:

- (a) “**board**” means a veterinary service board established under this Act or any former *Veterinary Services Act*;
- (b) “**district**” means a veterinary service district established under this Act or any former *Veterinary Services Act*;
- (c) “**minister**” means the Minister of Agriculture;
- (d) “**veterinarian**” means a veterinarian registered under *The Veterinarians Act*.

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.2.

Veterinary service districts

3(1) The council of a rural municipality may, at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose:

- (a) resolve to request the establishment of a Veterinary Service District consisting of:
 - (i) the municipality; or
 - (ii) a portion of the municipality comprising an area that is not less than an area equivalent to three-hundred and twenty-four square miles; or
- (b) resolve to co-operate with one or more contiguous rural municipalities in the establishment of a Veterinary Service District comprising an area that is not less than an area equivalent to three-hundred and twenty-four square miles and consisting of the whole or a portion of the rural municipality and the whole or a portion of any other rural municipality or rural municipalities mentioned in the resolution.
- (c) **Repealed.** 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.77.
- (d) **Repealed.** 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.77.

(2) The resolution shall be in one of the forms contained in the schedule to this Act.

(3) **Repealed.** 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.77.

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(4) Upon receipt of a copy of the resolution of the council of each municipality concerned certified by the secretary treasurer to be a true copy, the minister may, in his discretion, by order establish a Veterinary Service District in accordance with the resolutions or request or both and assign a name to the district.

(5) The district so established shall be entitled "The _____ Veterinary Service District".

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.3; 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.77;
1980-81, c.83, s.58.

Change of name of district

4 The minister may, upon petition of a board and after such notice as he deems sufficient to the municipalities concerned change the name of the district, in which case notice of the alteration shall be published in *The Saskatchewan Gazette*.

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.4; 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.77.

Veterinary service boards

5(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), there shall be a veterinary service board for each district, consisting of:

(a) one representative of each co-operating municipality appointed by resolution of the council; and

(b) **Repealed.** 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.77.

(c) an employee of the Department of Agriculture, designated by the minister.

(2) Where a district consists only of one municipality or part of a municipality the board shall consist of:

(a) at least three persons appointed by resolution of the council; and

(b) an employee of the Department of Agriculture, designated by the minister.

(3) **Repealed.** 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.77.

(4) Members appointed under clause (a) of subsection (1) or clause (a) of subsection (2) shall, subject to subsection (6), hold office for a period, not exceeding three years, designated in the resolution of the council, but may be reappointed; and where a vacancy occurs the council shall appoint a person to hold office for the unexpired term.

(5) **Repealed.** 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.77.

(6) The council may by resolution cancel any appointment made by it or a previous council and appoint another person to fill the vacancy.

(7) The board shall be a body corporate under the name of "The _____ Veterinary Service Board", the blank being filled in to correspond with the name of the district.

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(8) Upon a change in the name of a district under section 4 the name of the board shall be changed to correspond therewith.

(9) No change in the name of the board shall affect any obligation, liability, right or right of action existing at the time of the change.

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.5; 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.77.

Objects of board

6 The objects of the board shall be:

- (a) to render financial or other assistance to enable and encourage a veterinarian to practise veterinary medicine and surgery in the district, at uniform fees throughout the district;
- (b) to meet from time to time for the purpose of discussing matters relative to the operation of the district;
- (c) to promote better animal health within the district through the use of veterinary services and such other means as may be found necessary;
- (d) to perform such other duties as may be assigned to boards by the minister or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.6; 1970, c.80, s.2.

Acquisition of property

7(1) The board may acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise such lands and buildings as it considers necessary for the purposes of the board and may furnish and maintain such buildings.

(2) The board may, subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the minister, dispose of any land, buildings or furnishings acquired pursuant to this section.

(3) The board may, with the approval of the minister, borrow from any bank, credit union or other person such sums of money as the board considers necessary for its current operations and may secure such loan by way of promissory note or a mortgage of its real or personal property or by hypothecation of the title to any of its real property or the pledge of any of its personal property.

(4) Where the board gives security for a loan made by it, the execution of the instrument evidencing such security shall be attested by two members of the board, one of whom shall be the employee of the Department of Agriculture designated a member of the board pursuant to section 5.

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.7.

Payments by municipalities to districts

8(1) Subject to subsection (2), every municipality the whole or a portion of which is within a district may annually pay to the board of the district a sum deemed by the council to be necessary for the purposes of the board.

(2) Where a district consists only of one municipality or part of a municipality, the municipality shall pay annually to the board a sum not less than \$1,000.

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.8.

9 Repealed. 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.77.**Payments by province to districts**

10(1) Out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, the minister may, subject to regulations made under subsection (2), make grants to the board of a district in any fiscal year equal to the sum of:

(a) the amounts appropriated in that fiscal year for the purposes of the board by the municipalities included in whole or in part in the district;

(b) **Repealed.** 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.77.

but the aggregate of all grants to the board in that fiscal year shall not exceed \$30,000.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

(a) prescribing the conditions under which the minister may make grants under subsection (1);

(b) establishing a schedule of grants that may be made by the minister under subsection (1).

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.10; 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.77.

Bylaws

11 A board may, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, make bylaws:

(a) respecting the terms and conditions on which payments may be made to the district veterinarian;

(b) prescribing the use to be made of funds at the disposal of the board;

(c) prescribing the maximum fees that may be charged by the district veterinarian;

(d) prescribing that uniform fees shall be charged throughout the district or any zone or zones thereof;

(e) for the control and management of the property and funds of the board;

(f) generally for carrying out in its district the provisions of this Act according to their true intent.

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.11; 1989-90, c.54, s.4.

Reports by veterinarians

12 Every veterinarian shall, when required to do so by the minister, submit a report containing such information as the minister may require, for the period ending on the thirty-first day of December preceding the date of the report.

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.12.

Disorganization of district consisting of one or part of one municipality

13(1) Where a district consists of only one municipality or part of a municipality the council of the municipality may by resolution request the minister to disorganize the district.

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(2) Upon receipt of a copy of the resolution certified by the secretary treasurer to be a true copy, the minister shall, subject to subsection (3), by order dissolve the board and disorganize the district, and thereupon the district shall for all purposes cease to exist.

(3) No order for disorganization shall be made under this section until the unexpended funds, if any, in the hands of the board, after payment of all debts, have been paid by the board to the municipality and to the Minister of Finance in amounts bearing the same ratio to one another as the amounts paid to the board in the current fiscal year under sections 8 and 10 bear to one another.

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.13.

Withdrawal by municipality from district

14(1) In the case of a district to which section 13 does not apply, the council of a municipality the whole or a part of which is within the district may by resolution request the minister to withdraw the municipality or part from the district.

(2) Upon receipt of a copy of the resolution certified by the secretary treasurer to be a true copy, the minister shall by order make the requested withdrawal unless such action would reduce the district to an area that does not include the whole of a municipality and is less than an area equivalent to three-hundred twenty-four square miles, in which case he shall, subject to subsection (3), by order dissolve the board and disorganize the district, and thereupon the district shall for all purposes cease to exist.

(3) No order for disorganization shall be made under this section until the unexpended funds, if any, in the hands of the board, after payment of all debts, have been paid by the board to the municipalities concerned and to the Minister of Finance in amounts bearing the same ratio to one another as the amounts paid to the board in the current fiscal year under sections 8 and 10 bear to one another.

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.14; 1979-80, c.M-32.01,
s.77.

Disorganization of district where section 13 not applicable

15(1) In the case of a district to which section 13 does not apply the council of each municipality the whole or a part of which is within the district may resolve to join in petitioning the minister for the disorganization of the district.

(2) Upon receipt of a petition for disorganization of the district, and a copy of the resolution of the council of each municipality concerned certified by the secretary treasurer to be a true copy, the minister may by order, if satisfied that disorganization is advisable but subject to subsection (3), dissolve the board and disorganize the district, and thereupon the district shall for all purposes cease to exist.

(3) No order for disorganization shall be made under this section until the unexpended funds, if any, in the hands of the board, after payment of all debts, have been paid by the board to the municipalities concerned and to the Minister of Finance in amounts bearing the same ratio to one another as the amounts paid to the board in the current fiscal year under sections 8 and 10 bear to one another.

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.15; 1979-80, c.M-32.01,
s.77.

16 to 18 Repealed. 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.77.

Advisory committee

19(1) There shall be a committee to be known as The Veterinary Service Districts Advisory Committee consisting of three members, one of whom shall be appointed by the minister, one by Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association and one by The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.

(2) The committee mentioned in subsection (1):

- (a) shall meet upon the request of the minister;
- (b) shall act in an advisory capacity to the minister;
- (c) may make recommendations respecting:
 - (i) the formation of Veterinary Services Districts;
 - (ii) alterations in the boundaries of districts;
 - (iii) the disorganization of districts;
 - (iv) any matter referred to it by the minister.

(3) The members of the committee shall be entitled to receive such remuneration as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may determine.

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-6, s.19.

SCHEDULE

[Section 3(2)]

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RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A
VETERINARY SERVICE DISTRICT

Copy of a resolution as recorded in the minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of _____ No. _____ ,

held at _____ on the _____ day of _____ , 19 ____ .

Moved by Councillor _____ that this council approves the principle set out in *The Veterinary Services Act*, and agrees to co-operate with the

councils of The Rural Municipality of _____ No. _____ ,

The Rural Municipality of _____ No. _____ and

The Rural Municipality of _____ No. _____ in

the establishment of a veterinary service district consisting of this municipality and the said municipalities, and in the establishment of a veterinary service board, as set out in the Act, for the orderly control of the district, and to contribute annually to the cost thereof a sum deemed by the council to be necessary for the purposes of the board.

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Further that _____ of _____ be the representative of this municipality on the said veterinary service board.

Seconded by Councillor _____ and carried.

Certified a true copy.

(Seal of Municipality)

Secretary Treasurer

Or

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A VETERINARY SERVICE DISTRICT CONSISTING ONLY OF ONE MUNICIPALITY OR PART OF A MUNICIPALITY

Copy of a resolution as recorded in the minutes of a meeting of the Council on the Rural

Municipality of _____ No. _____, held on the _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

Moved by Councillor _____ that this council approves the principle set out in *The Veterinary Services Act*, requests the establishment of a veterinary service district consisting of this municipality (or consisting of the part of this municipality comprised in townships _____, or as the case may be), and agrees to establish a veterinary service board, as set out in the Act, for the orderly control of the district and to contribute annually to the cost thereof the sum of _____.

Further that the representatives of this municipality on the veterinary service board shall be:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Seconded by Councillor _____.

Certified a true copy.

(Seal of Municipality)

Secretary Treasurer

