



Public Health Act 1875

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PART V

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

OFFICERS AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Mode of conducting Business.

197 Urban authority to provide offices.

Every urban authority shall from time to time provide and maintain such offices as may be necessary for transacting their business, and that of their officers and servants under this Act.

198 Proceedings, &c. of urban authority being the council of a borough.

Where an urban authority are the council of a borough they shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, exercise and execute their powers authorities and duties under this Act according to the laws for the time being in force with respect to municipal corporations in England.

199 Meetings, &c. of urban authority not being the council of a borough.

Every urban authority (not being the council of a borough) shall hold an annual meeting and other meetings for the transaction of business under this Act once at least in each month, and at such other times as may be necessary for properly executing their powers and duties under this Act.

Meetings of local boards shall be held and the proceedings thereat shall be conducted in accordance with the rules as to meetings and proceedings contained in schedule I. to this Act; and any improvement commissioners may, if they think fit, adopt all or any of such rules.

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200 Power of urban authority to appoint committees.

Every urban authority may from time to time appoint out of their own number so many persons as they may think fit, for any purposes of this Act which in the opinion of such authority would be better regulated and managed by means of a committee : Provided that a committee so appointed shall in no case be authorised to borrow any money, to make any rate, or to enter into any contract, and shall be subject to any regulations and restrictions which may be imposed by the authority that formed it.

201 Power of rural authority to delegate their powers and duties to a committee.

A rural authority may, at any meeting specially convened for the purpose, delegate for the current year of their office all their powers to a committee consisting wholly of their own members ; provided that one third at least of such committee shall consist of ex-officio guardians, but in case an adequate number of such ex-officio guardians does not exist, then the number deficient shall be made up of elected guardians ; and any such committee shall have the powers by this Act vested in the rural authority by which it was formed, and shall be deemed to be during such year of office as aforesaid the rural authority of the district.

202 Power of rural authority to form parochial committee.

A rural authority (including any committee so formed as aforesaid) may, at any meeting specially convened for the purpose form for any contributory place within their district a parochial committee consisting wholly of members of such authority or committee, or partly of such members and partly of such other persons liable to contribute to the rate levied for the relief of the poor in such contributory place, and qualified in such other manner (if any) as the authority forming such parochial committee may determine.

A rural authority (including any committee so formed as aforesaid) may from time to time add to or diminish the number of the members, or otherwise alter the constitution of any parochial committee formed by it, or dissolve any parochial committee.

A parochial committee shall be subject to any regulations and restrictions which may be imposed by the authority which formed it: Provided that no jurisdiction shall be given to a parochial committee beyond the limits of the contributory place for which it is formed, and that no powers shall be delegated to a parochial committee except powers which the rural authority could exercise within such contributory place.

A parochial committee shall be deemed to be the agents of the authority which formed it, and the appointment of such committee shall not relieve that authority from any obligation imposed on it by Act of Parliament or otherwise.

A parochial committee may be empowered by the authority which formed it to incur expenses to an amount not exceeding such amount as may be prescribed by such authority; it shall report its expenditure to such authority as and when directed by such authority, and the amount so reported, if legally incurred, shall be discharged by such authority.

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203 Casual vacancies in committees may be filled.

Any casual vacancy occurring by death resignation disqualification, or otherwise in any committee may be filled up within six weeks, by the authority which formed such committee, out of qualified persons.

204 Meetings and proceedings of committees.

Meetings of any committee appointed under this Act shall be held, and the proceedings thereat shall be conducted (so far as such meetings and proceedings are not regulated by the authority appointing the committee), in accordance with the rules as to meetings and proceedings contained in schedule I. to this Act.

205 Inspectors may attend meetings of certain authorities.

Inspectors of the Local Government Board may attend any meetings of a rural authority or of an urban authority (being a local board) when and as directed by the Local Government Board.

The local authority of the district of Oxford shall not, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to be a local board.

206 Local authority to report.

Every local authority shall make an annual report, in such form and at such time as the Local Government Board may from time to time direct, of all works executed, and of all sums received and disbursements made by them under and for the purposes of this Act during the preceding year, and shall send a copy to the Local Government Board : An urban authority shall also publish a copy in some local newspaper circulating in their district.