

POOR LAW ACT, 1930: SECTION 3.

BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON JOINT VAGRANCY COMMITTEE.

94.977

(12th August, 1938.)

Whereas by the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Joint Vagrancy Committee Order 1930, as amended by the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Joint Vagrancy Committee (Amendment) Order, 1931, the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Joint Vagrancy Committee (Continuance) Order 1937, and the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Joint Vagrancy Committee (Continuance) Order 1938, the Minister of Health made provision for the combination of the administrative counties of Berks, Buckingham and Oxford and the county boroughs of Oxford and Reading for the purpose of the better administration of the relief of casuals by a Joint Committee named the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Joint Vagrancy Committee;

And whereas it is expedient that such provision as aforesaid should be amended as hereinafter provided:

Now therefore the Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 3 of the Poor Law Act, 1930, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order.

Short Title.

1. This Order may be cited as the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1938, shall come into operation on the first day of September, 1938, and shall continue in operation until the 31st day of March, 1946.

Interpretation.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them—

“ the combined areas ” means the counties and county boroughs for the continued combination of which for the purpose of the better administration of the relief of casuals provision is made by this Order;

“ the Joint Committee ” means the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Joint Vagrancy Committee constituted under the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Joint Vagrancy Committee Order 1930;

“ council ” means the council of a county or county borough included within the combined areas, and “ councils ” means the councils of all the counties and county boroughs so included;

“ casual ” means any destitute wayfarer or wanderer applying for or receiving poor relief, and includes any person admitted into any establishment by a council or otherwise under the care of a council by way of poor relief who was, immediately before the date when he was so admitted or came under such care, a destitute wayfarer or wanderer applying for or receiving poor relief;

“ casual ward ” means any ward, building or premises set apart or provided for the reception, relief or employment of casuals; and

“ the Minister ” means the Minister of Health.

Revocation of Previous Orders.

3. Subject to the provisions of this Order the recited Orders are hereby revoked, but without prejudice to anything done, or to any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred, under those Orders.

Combination of Counties and County Boroughs.

4. The counties of Berks, Buckingham and Oxford and the county boroughs of Oxford and Reading shall continue to be combined for the purpose of the better administration of the relief of casuals.

Joint Committee.

5.—(1) For the execution of the purposes aforesaid, the Joint Committee shall continue in existence as a body corporate having for the purposes of their constitution perpetual succession and a common seal and power to hold land for the purposes of their functions without licence in mortmain.

(2) The Joint Committee shall consist of 30 members, each of whom shall be a member of the council by whom he is elected.

(3) Seven members of the Joint Committee shall be elected by the council of the county of Berks, eight members by the council of the county of Buckingham and five members shall be elected by each of the councils of the county of Oxford and the county boroughs of Oxford and Reading.

Members of Joint Committee.

6.—(1) The persons who are members of the Joint Committee immediately before the commencement of this Order shall continue in office.

(2) In each year at the first meeting of each council held after the last day of February at which ordinary business is transacted, the council shall elect from their own body the number of members of the Joint Committee assigned to them by this Order.

(3) Every member of the Joint Committee shall come into office upon his election.

(4) The clerk of each council shall forthwith after any election notify in writing to the clerk of the Joint Committee the name, address and description of each of the persons elected.

(5) A council may nominate from their own body a person to act on behalf of a member of the Joint Committee elected by the council at any meeting of the Joint Committee at which that member shall be unable to be present.

Period of Office.

7.—(1) Except as in this Article otherwise provided, a member of the Joint Committee shall hold office until the date on which his successor comes into office.

(2) a member of the Joint Committee who ceases to be a member of the council by whom he was elected shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Joint Committee:

Provided that a member of the Joint Committee shall not be deemed to have ceased to be a member of the council by whom he was elected if on or before the day on which he goes out of office he has been re-elected a member of the council.

(3) A member of the Joint Committee may resign his membership by sending to the clerk of the Joint Committee notice in writing of his desire to do so, whereupon a casual vacancy shall be deemed to have arisen, and