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(North Herts Joint Hospital District) Act, 1936.



CHAPTER xcii.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the North Herts Joint Hospital District. A.D. 1936.
[31st July 1936.]

WHEREAS under the provisions of the Public Health Act 1875 the Minister of Health has made a provisional order which needs confirmation by Parliament: 38 & 39 Vict. c. 55.

Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. The order of the Minister of Health which is set out in the schedule to this Act is hereby confirmed and shall have full validity and force. Order in schedule confirmed.

2. This Act may be cited as the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (North Herts Joint Hospital District) Act 1936. Short title.

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SCHEDULE.

*North Herts
Order.*

NORTH HERTS JOINT HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

*Provisional order altering the Hitchin Rural and Letchworth
Urban Joint Hospital Order 1919.*

WHEREAS by virtue of the Hitchin Rural and Letchworth Urban Joint Hospital Order 1919 (in this order called "the order of 1919") which was confirmed by Parliament as amended by the County of Hertford Review Order 1935 and the Hitchin Rural and Letchworth Urban Joint Hospital Amendment Order 1935 the urban district of Letchworth and the rural district of Hitchin constitute a united district called the Hitchin Rural and Letchworth Urban Joint Hospital District of which the governing body is the Hitchin Rural and Letchworth Urban Joint Hospital Board consisting of two ex-officio and ten elective members representing the councils of the said urban and rural districts;

And whereas it is expedient that the urban districts of Baldock Hitchin Royston and Stevenage and the rural district of Welwyn should be included in the united district aforesaid and that the order of 1919 amended as aforesaid should be altered as in this order provided:

Now therefore the Minister of Health in pursuance of the powers given to him by section 297 of the Public Health Act 1875 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby orders as follows:—

Short title
and com-
mencement.

1. This order may be cited as the North Herts Joint Hospital Order 1936 and shall come into operation on the first day of October nineteen hundred and thirty-six:

Provided that sections 9 and 10 of this order shall come into operation on the date of the Act of Parliament confirming this order.

Extension
of united
district.

2. The Hitchin Rural and Letchworth Urban Joint Hospital District shall be extended so as to include the urban districts of Baldock Hitchin Royston and Stevenage and the rural district of Welwyn and subject to the provisions of this order references in the order of 1919 to the constituent districts shall be deemed to include the urban districts of Baldock Hitchin Royston and Stevenage and the rural district of Welwyn and references in that

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order to the constituent authorities shall be deemed to include the councils of the urban districts of Baldock Hitchin Royston and Stevenage and the rural district of Welwyn.

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3. The united district shall be re-named the North Herts Joint Hospital District and the joint board shall hereafter be known as the North Herts Joint Hospital Board and references to the united district and the joint board in the order of 1919 shall be construed accordingly.

Re-naming
 of united
 district.

4. The joint board shall consist of fourteen members and the number of members to be elected by each of the constituent authorities shall be that set opposite the name of the constituent authority in column 3 of the schedule to this order and the order of 1919 shall have effect as if the schedule to this order were substituted for the schedule to that order and as if any reference to ex-officio members were omitted from that order.

Constitution
 of governing
 body.

5. If on the application of the joint board or any constituent authority it appears to the Minister of Health that the population or rateable value of any constituent district has so varied as to render the representation of the constituent authority therefor on the joint board inadequate or excessive he may by order to be published as he shall direct provide for such variation in the representation on the joint board of all or any of the constituent authorities as he may think fit.

Power of
 Minister to
 vary repre-
 sentation of
 constituent
 authorities.

6.—(1) The urban district council of Letchworth shall at a meeting to be held before the first day of October nineteen hundred and thirty-six by a majority of votes or in the case of an equality of votes by the casting vote of the presiding chairman select from the members then representing the said urban district on the joint board three persons who shall continue to be members of the joint board until the day on which they would have retired from office if this order had not been made and the remaining members shall cease to hold office on the date aforesaid.

Continuance
 in office of
 members of
 joint board.

(2) The rural district council of Hitchin shall at a meeting to be held before the first day of October nineteen hundred and thirty-six by a majority of votes or in the case of an equality of votes by the casting vote of the presiding chairman select from the members then representing the said rural district on the joint board three persons who shall continue to be members of the joint board until the day on which they would have retired from office if this order had not been made and the remaining members shall cease to hold office on the date aforesaid.

7. The provisions of article XI of the order of 1919 shall apply to the first election by the councils of the urban districts of Baldock Hitchin Royston and Stevenage and the rural district of Welwyn of the members to represent those councils

Election of
 members by
 new con-
 stituent
 authorities.

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Expenses of
joint board.

on the joint board as if the election related to the filling of vacancies occurring at the commencement of this order.

8. For paragraph (2) of article XVIII of the order of 1919 the following paragraphs shall be substituted:—

“(2) So far as the common fund is not provided by the receipts referred to in paragraph (1) of this article each constituent authority shall contribute to the common fund in respect of the expenses incurred by the joint board a sum comprising—

(a) an amount which bears the same proportion to one-half of the expenses falling to be defrayed as the amount produced by a rate of one penny in the pound levied in the area of that constituent authority bears to the aggregate amount produced by rates of one penny in the pound levied in the areas of all the constituent authorities; and

(b) an amount which bears the same proportion to the remaining half of the expenses falling to be defrayed as the population of the area of that constituent authority bears to the aggregate population of the areas of all the constituent authorities.

(3) For the purposes of this article the amount produced by a rate of one penny in the pound levied in the area of a constituent authority shall mean the net ascertained product of a rate of one penny in the pound calculated in accordance with the Rating and Valuation Act (Product of Rates and Precepts) Rules 1929 and so far as they are applicable any rules amending or superseding those rules for the financial year last preceding the financial year in which a precept is issued and the population of the area of a constituent authority shall be ascertained from the report of the Registrar-General on the census last taken which may be published before the issue of a precept.”

Adjustment
of property
liabilities
&c.
23 & 24
Geo. 5. c. 51.

9. The provisions of section 151 (which relate to financial adjustments) of the Local Government Act 1933 shall have effect in relation to this order as if the alteration of the united district effected by this order were an alteration of areas or authorities made by an order under Part VI of that Act.

Inquiries
and
expenses.

10. The Minister of Health may hold any inquiry which he may deem necessary for the purposes of this order and section 290 of the Local Government Act 1933 shall apply as if the joint board were a local authority.

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Name of district. 1.	Name of authority. 2.	Number of members. 3.
The urban district of Baldock	The urban district council of Baldock.	1
The urban district of Hitchin	The urban district council of Hitchin.	3
The urban district of Letchworth.	The urban district council of Letchworth.	3
The urban district of Royston	The urban district council of Royston.	1
The urban district of Stevenage.	The urban district council of Stevenage.	2
The rural district of Hitchin	The rural district council of Hitchin.	3
The rural district of Welwyn	The rural district council of Welwyn.	1
Total - -		14

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