

Electoral (Entrenchment of Māori Seats) Amendment Bill

Member's Bill

Explanatory note

General policy statement

The purpose of the Electoral (Entrenchment of Māori Seats) Amendment Bill is to entrench the provisions of the Electoral Act 1993 that relate to the Māori electorates. The provisions relating to the General electorates are currently entrenched but the provisions relating to the Māori electorates are not. This Bill corrects that constitutional imbalance by adding the provisions that relate to the Māori electorates to the list of entrenched provisions.

Clause by clause analysis

Clause 1 states the Bill's title.

Clause 2 describes the commencement date.

Clause 3 says that the Act being amended is the Electoral Act 1993.

Clause 4 amends section 268(1) to add provisions to the list of entrenched provisions.

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

- 1 Title**
This Act is the Electoral (Entrenchment of Māori Seats) Amendment Act **2018**.
- 2 Commencement** 5
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.
- 3 Principal Act**
This Act amends the Electoral Act 1993 (the **principal Act**).
- 4 Section 268 amended (Restriction on amendment or repeal of certain provisions)** 10
After section 268(1)(d), insert:
(da) Section 45, and the definition of the term **Maori electoral population** in section 3(1), relating to the division of New Zealand into Maori electoral districts after each census: 15

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