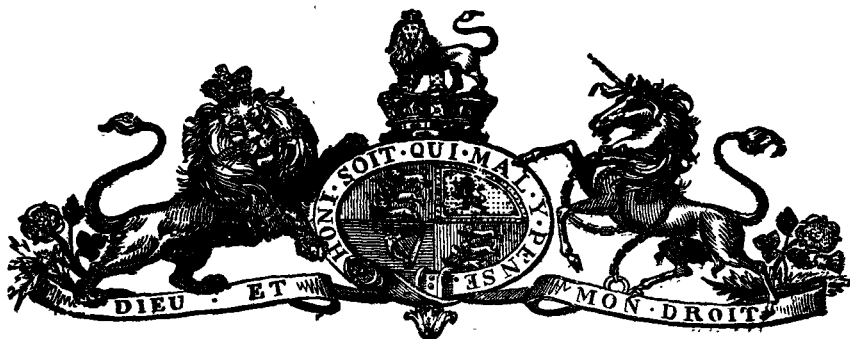


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AN ACT to constitute Electoral Districts for the Election of Members of the House of Representatives.

Title;

[19th August, 1858.]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

I. The House of Representatives for New Zealand shall consist of 41 members.

Number of Members of House of Representatives.

II. For the purposes of the election of the members of the said House, the Colony shall be divided into 28 Electoral Districts, the names of which, and the number of members to be returned by which respectively, shall be as follows:—

Number of Electoral Districts.

1. Bay of Islands, 1 Member.
2. Marsden, 1 Member.
3. Northern Division, 2 Members.
4. City of Auckland, 3 Members.

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5. Suburbs of Auckland, 2 Members.
6. Pensioner Settlements, 2 Members.
7. Southern Division, 2 Members.
8. Town of New Plymouth, 1 Member.
9. Grey and Bell, 1 Member.
10. Omata, 1 Member.
11. Wanganui and Rangitikei, 1 Member.
12. Wellington Country, 1 Member.
13. City of Wellington, 3 Members.
14. Hutt, 2 Members.
15. Wairarapa, 1 Member.
16. County of Hawke, 1 Member.
17. Motueka and Massacre Bay, 1 Member.
18. Town of Nelson, 2 Members.
19. Waimea, 2 Members.
20. Wairau, 1 Member.
21. County of Cheviot, 1 Member.
22. Christchurch Country, 2 Members.
23. Town of Christchurch, 1 Member.
24. Town of Lyttelton, 1 Member.
25. Akaroa, 1 Member.
26. Dunedin Country, 2 Members.
27. Town of Dunedin, 1 Member.
28. County of Wallace, 1 Member.

Description of districts.

III. The said several Districts are particularly set forth and described in the Schedule to this Act, and are delineated on certain Maps and Plans duly authenticated for the purposes of this Act and deposited in the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Present members to hold seats.

IV. The several persons who have been returned to serve as Members of the said House, for the several Districts other than those hereinafter specifically provided for, shall for all purposes be deemed to be the Members of the said Districts respectively, as the same are constituted by this Act.

Members of the present Districts now altered to hold seats for new Districts of same name.

V. The several persons who have been returned to serve as Members of the said House for the Bay of Islands, the Northern Division, the Wairau, the Christchurch Country, and the Dunedin Country Districts, as constituted before the passing of this Act, shall for all purposes be deemed to be the Members for the said several Districts respectively, as constituted by this Act, and the person who has been returned to serve for the Wairarapa and Hawke's Bay shall be deemed to be the Member for the County of Hawke, as constituted by this Act.

Electoral Rolls to be formed for new and divided Districts.

VI. As soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, a person to be appointed by the Governor for that purpose, shall form separate Electoral Rolls, for the several Electoral Districts following namely:—

1. Bay of Islands.
2. Marsden.
3. Northern Division.

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4. Wairarapa.
5. County of Hawke.
6. Wairau.
7. County of Cheviot.
8. Christchurch Country.
9. Town of Lyttelton.
10. Dunedin Country.
11. County of Wallace.

VII. For the purpose of forming such Electoral Rolls every person whose name is on the Roll of any of the Electoral Districts as constituted, before the passing of this Act, specified in Section 5 of this Act, shall be placed on the Electoral Roll of the District in which the tenements or hereditaments in respect of which he is registered are situate.

Mode of forming
Electoral Rolls.

VIII. As soon as such Electoral Rolls shall be formed under this Act, the Governor shall cause the same to be published in such convenient form as he shall think fit, and from that day the Electoral Roll so formed for each District shall be the Electoral Roll to be used for such District for all purposes, until a new Electoral Roll for the same to be made under the provisions of the Law for the time being for the Registration of Electors shall be in force.

Rolls to be published.

IX. In the month of October, in the year 1859, the Governor shall cause Writs to be issued for the Election of Members for the House of Representatives for the several Districts following, namely:—

When Writs to be
issued.

1. Marsden.
2. Wairarapa.
3. County of Cheviot.
4. County of Wallace.

X. The Short Title of this Act, shall be "The Electoral Districts Act, 1858."

Short Title

SCHEDULE.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.

1. The BAY OF ISLANDS District comprises so much of the District similarly named as constituted by the Proclamation of Governor Sir George Grey, dated 5th March, 1853, as lies to the north of the Marsden District, next hereinafter defined.

2. The MARSDEN District is bounded by a line commencing at Mongonui Bluff on the West Coast, and running thence along the summit of the Mangakahia range to Tutamoi mountain, thence by a right line to the North head of Tutukaka harbour: on the East thence by the Coast line to the Southern point of Hawere Island: on the South thence by a right line to the summit of Tamahua, thence along the Rodney range to the summit of the Dome, thence by a right line to the confluence of the Hotea and Kaitoto rivers, thence by the Hotea river to high water mark in Kaipara harbour, thence by high water mark to the Tapora Flats, thence by a right line to the North head of Kaipara harbour: and on the West thence by the Coast line to Mongonui Bluff.

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3. The NORTHERN DIVISION comprises so much of the District similarly named as constituted by the Proclamation aforesaid, as lies to the south of the Marsden District.

4. The CITY OF AUCKLAND District;
5. The SUBURBS OF AUCKLAND District;
6. The PENSIONER SETTLEMENTS District;
7. The SOUTHERN DIVISION District;
8. The TOWN OF NEW PLYMOUTH District;
9. The GREY AND BELL District;
10. The OMATA District;

respectively comprise the Districts similarly named, as the same are respectively constituted and defined by the Proclamation aforesaid.

11. The WANGANUI AND RANGITIKEI District is bounded on the North by the 39th parallel of South latitude; on the East by the County of Hawke Electoral District hereinafter defined: on the South East and South by the Manawatu river from its gorge in the Ruahine range to its mouth; on the South West thence by the Coast line between the Manawatu river and the Patea river: and on the North West by a right line from the mouth of the Patea to where the Tuhua river is intersected by the 39th parallel of South latitude.

12. THE WELLINGTON COUNTRY District is bounded on the North by the Manawatu river, from its mouth to the gorge in the Ruahine range; on the East by a part of the Wairarapa District hereinafter defined to the northern boundary of the Hutt District; and on other sides by the boundaries of the Wellington Country District as the same are defined by the Proclamation aforesaid.

13. The CITY OF WELLINGTON District:
14. The HUTT District:

respectively comprise the Districts similarly named, as the same are constituted and defined by the Proclamation aforesaid.

15. The WAIRARAPA District is bounded on the North by a line from the Manawatu gorge to the mouth of the Waimata stream: on the East and South, by the Coast line from the mouth of the Waimata stream to Cape Turakirae: and on the West by a line from Cape Turakirae along the summit of the Rimutaku and Tararua ranges to the gorge of the Manawatu.

16. The COUNTY OF HAWKE District is bounded on the North by the 39th parallel of South latitude: on the East thence by the Coast line to the mouth of the Waimata stream: on the South thence by the Wairarapa District: and on the West by a line from the Manawatu gorge along the summit of the Ruahine range to the end of that range, and thence by a right line due North to the 39th parallel of South latitude.

17. The MOTUEKA AND MASSACRE BAY District:
18. The TOWN OF NELSON District;
19. The WAIMEA District:

respectively comprise the Districts similarly named, as the same are respectively constituted and defined by the Proclamation aforesaid.

20. The WAIRAU District comprises so much of the District similarly named in the Proclamation aforesaid, as is not included in the County of Cheviot District hereinafter defined.

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21. The COUNTY OF CHEVIOT District is bounded on the North by a line from the summit of the Princess Mountain at Lake Tennyson, along the summit ridges of the mountain range skirting the right bank of the Clarence River, to Waipapa Point: on the East thence by the Coast line to the mouth of the Ashley river thence by that river to the source thereof nearest to Oxford hill, thence by a line to the summit of mount Pakiteraki: and on the West by a right line thence to the summit of the Princess mountain.

22. The CHRISTCHURCH COUNTRY District comprises so much of the Electoral District similarly named in the Proclamation aforesaid, as is not included in the County of Cheviot District, and the Town of Lyttelton District.

23. The TOWN OF CHRISTCHURCH District comprises the District similarly named, as constituted by the Proclamation aforesaid.

24. The TOWN OF LYTTELTON District is bounded on the North by the summit of the range of hills on the North side of Lyttelton Harbour, on the East and West by lines drawn due North and South, through the Easternmost and Westernmost points respectively of the boundary of the said Town, as shewn on the maps of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury in the Land Office at Christchurch, and on the South by low water mark, including also the Town reserve.

25. The AKAROA District comprises the District similarly named, as the same is constituted and defined by the Proclamation aforesaid.

26. The DUNEDIN COUNTRY District comprises so much of the District similarly named in the Proclamation aforesaid, as lies to the East of the 169th degree of East Longitude.

27. The TOWN OF DUNEDIN District comprises the District similarly named as constituted and defined by the Proclamation aforesaid.

28. The COUNTY OF WALLACE District comprises so much of the Dunedin Country District constituted by the Proclamation aforesaid, as lies to the West of the 169th degree of East Longitude.