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Auckland Provincial Library.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the custody and care of the Title.
Auckland Provincial Council Library.

WHEREAS the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the Preamble.
Province of Auckland, by means of annual grants of public
money amounting to no less than two thousand five hundred pounds,
and otherwise by donations, have collected together a library of books
5 of considerable value, and it is expedient for the proper control and
management of the aforesaid library, and the conservation of the
books and other objects deposited therein, now belonging to the Pro-
vince of Auckland, that the same should be deposited in the custody
of trustworthy persons until such time as the whole can be transferred
10 to the governing body of the City of Auckland under the provisions
of "The Public Libraries Act, 1869."

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

15 **1.** The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Auckland Provincial Short Title.
Library Act, 1876."

2. A Board of Trustees, composed of Sir George Grey, K.C.B.; Trustees appointed
the Mayor for the time being of the City of Auckland; James
Thomas Boylan, Esquire; Hugh Hart Lusk, Esquire; George
20 Maurice O'Rorke, Esquire; and William Swanson, Esquire, shall be
and is hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of
"The Trustees of the Auckland Provincial Library," by which name
such body corporate shall have perpetual succession and shall have a
common seal, and shall by the same name from time to time sue and
25 be sued, implead and be impleaded in all courts, and shall be able and
shall have power to take purchase and hold to them and their successors

all goods chattels and personal property whatever either now deposited in the said library or hereafter to be acquired by gift bequest purchase or exchange, and also to do all other matters and things incidental to or appertaining to a body politic and corporate.

Vacancies how to be filled up.

3. All vacancies which shall occur by death resignation or otherwise among the aforesaid Trustees shall be filled up as they may occur by the election of such other fit and proper persons as the remaining members of the aforesaid body corporate shall at meetings duly to be convened for that purpose elect to fill up such vacancies. 5

Of the quorum and voting.

4. At every meeting of the said Trustees three Trustees shall form a quorum, and all questions shall be decided by the majority of votes of the Trustees present, and in all cases when the votes on each side shall be equal, the chairman who may be chosen to act on the occasion shall have an additional or casting vote. 10

Trustees to have management of the affairs and property.

5. The said Trustees shall have the entire management and superintendence of the affairs concerns and property of the said library, and in all cases not provided for by this Act it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to act in such manner as shall appear to them best calculated to advance the objects of the said institution. 15

Trustees empowered to make repeal or alter by-laws and orders.

6. The said Trustees shall have power and authority to make and also to repeal or alter all such by-laws rules and orders touching and concerning the management and good government of the said library and the income and property thereof, and any other matter or thing relative to the same as to them may seem fit for the effectual attainment of the objects of the institution, the security of the property, and the administration of the affairs thereof. 20 25

Trustees to report progress of the institution to Colonial Secretary.

7. The said Trustees shall once at least in every year report their proceedings and the progress of the institution to the Colonial Secretary, and shall furnish him with accounts of their yearly expenditure, in order that an abstract thereof may be published in some local newspaper without delay. 30

Transfer of Library to the public of Auckland.

8. So soon as the provisions of "The Public Libraries Act, 1869," shall have been adopted for the City of Auckland, and a "Library Rate" shall have been levied therein under the aforesaid Act, it shall be lawful for the Trustees hereby appointed to transfer all the property vested in them by this Act to the governing body of the City of Auckland to be thenceforth vested in the said governing body for the objects and purposes, and subject to the powers and conditions of "The Public Libraries Act, 1869." 35