

Hon. Mr. Massey.

AUCKLAND WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY.

ANALYSIS.

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1. Short Title.

2. Fresh poll may be taken to determine the statutory half-holiday in Auckland combined district.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorize a Poll to determine the Statutory Closing-day in the Auckland Combined District. Title.

WHEREAS by a poll of the electors of the Auckland combined district, taken pursuant to section seventeen of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908, for the purpose of determining the statutory closing-day in that district, it was determined that the statutory closing-day in each week should be Saturday, and the said day was accordingly appointed the statutory closing-day, pursuant to the provisions of the said section: And whereas, since the taking of the said poll, the boundaries of the combined district have been extended, and it is desirable that a fresh poll be taken as hereinafter provided: Preamble.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Auckland Weekly Half-holiday Act, 1913. Short Title.

2. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section seventeen of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908, a poll of the electors of the constituent local authorities of the Auckland combined district shall be taken on a day, being not later than three months after the passing of this Act, to be fixed by resolution of the convening local authority. Fresh poll may be taken to determine the statutory half-holiday in Auckland combined district.

(2.) Such poll shall be taken in manner provided by the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1908, so far as the provisions of the said Act are applicable; and, so far as those provisions are not applicable, shall be taken in such manner as the convening local authority determines.

(3.) At such poll each elector may vote for the appointment of either Wednesday or Saturday as the statutory closing-day within the said district, and the statutory closing-day shall be determined in accordance with the majority of the votes so given.

(4.) The result of the poll shall be forthwith notified to the Minister under the hand of the Mayor of the convening local authority, and the Minister shall thereupon appoint the day determined by the result of such poll as the statutory closing-day for that district. Every such appointment shall be gazetted, and a copy of the *Gazette* containing a notice of such appointment shall be conclusive evidence that the same has been duly made according to the tenor of such notice. 5 10

(5.) On the gazetting of such notice the day so appointed shall be the statutory closing-day for the district in respect of which the appointment is made, and shall continue to be the statutory closing-day for that district until another day is appointed pursuant to the provisions of section seventeen of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908. 15

(6.) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect the proviso to subsection two of section eleven of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908. 20

(7.) The cost of the poll under this section shall be defrayed by the local authorities of the constituent districts in such proportions as may be agreed on, or, in default of agreement, shall be defrayed by those local authorities in such proportions as the Governor by Order in Council determines. 25

(8.) For the purposes of this section the Auckland combined district shall be deemed to include the Eden Terrace Road District.