

Hon. Captain Russell.

COUNTIES ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to further amend "The Counties Act, 1886." Title.

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

5     1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Counties Act Amendment Act, 1890." Short Title.

2. If at any time there shall be presented to the Council a petition signed by *twenty* or more county electors, representing not less than half the rateable value in any riding, praying the Council to  
10 take into consideration the representation of the different ridings with a view to the readjustment of the same, the Council shall at its next ordinary meeting, or at a special meeting convened for that purpose, proceed to take such matter into consideration accordingly; and if it be found that, having regard to the number of county electors  
15 and rateable value, the representation of any riding or ridings is insufficient or excessive, the Council shall alter the representation in such a way that the representation of the separate ridings may, as far as possible, be proportioned to the rateable value and number of county electors of each riding:

20     Provided always that no Council shall take action under this section more than once during its term of office: Proviso.

And provided further that nothing in this section contained shall be deemed to repeal the provisions of section forty-six of "The Counties Act, 1886."

25     3. If the Council shall refuse or neglect to proceed as in section *two* of this Act provided, or if it shall refuse or neglect to make a readjustment, or if any readjustment made shall fail to be in accordance with the requirements of the said section, then, upon the same being shown to the satisfaction of the Governor, he may, by Appeal to the Governor.

Order in Council, apportion the representation of the several ridings in such manner as he shall deem necessary to give effect thereto.

4. Upon any such readjustment or apportionment of representation being made in any county a ballot shall be taken in the Council to decide as to what Councillor or Councillors shall retire in the case of the riding or ridings for which the number of representatives is to be reduced, and such Councillor or Councillors shall retire accordingly, and an election shall be held for the return of the additional Councillor or Councillors in the case of the riding or ridings for which the number of representatives is to be increased as if extraordinary vacancies had occurred by resignations in the offices of Councillors for such riding or ridings. 5 10

5. This Act shall be read with and as part of "The Counties Act, 1886."

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