

Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

CITY SINGLE ELECTORATES.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Better Provision for the Representation in Parliament of the Electors residing in Cities. Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The City Single Electorates Act, 1903"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Electoral Act, 1902" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"). Short Title.

2. (1.) The existing electoral districts of the City of Christchurch, the City of Dunedin, the City of Auckland, and the City of Wellington shall each be divided into three electoral districts, with such names and boundaries as may be determined by the Representation Commissions appointed under the principal Act : City electorates abolished, and single electorates substituted.

Provided that such boundaries shall be so defined so as to give as nearly as practicable one-third of the population of the existing electoral district to each of the districts into which the same is divided.

(2.) The said Commissions shall make such division when directed so to do by the Governor, and all the provisions of the principal Act relating to the proceedings and report of the Commissions shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply :

Provided that such report shall not come into effect until the expiry of the present Parliament.

(3.) On the coming into effect of such report the existing city electoral districts shall be abolished, and for each of the electoral districts constituted under this Act there shall be one member.

3. Whenever the said Commissions are required to divide the colony into electoral districts as provided by the principal Act, they shall, after having ascertained the quota referred to in section six of that Act, divide the colony into as many districts as there are members (not Maori members) to be returned. Number of electoral districts.

*New clause.*

4. Nothing herein shall be deemed to alter the boundaries of any licensing district as the same existed before the passing of this Act. Licensing districts not affected.