

COUNTRY TELEPHONE-LINES AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Country Telephone-lines Act, 1912.

Title.

BE IT 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 Country Telephone-lines Amendment Act, 1921-22, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Country Telephone-lines Act, 1912 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection three the words "and as security for the loan may make and levy a special rate over the lands of the signatories to the petition sufficient to produce the annual charges in respect of the loan."

Special rate under principal Act may be levied over whole district of local authority or over special rating-area.

(2.) Section thirty-one of the Appropriation Act, 1916, is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

3. In addition to the powers conferred by the principal Act, any local authority within the meaning of that Act may from time to time, by resolution, make and levy a special rate over all rateable property in its district, or in any defined area thereof, for the purpose of defraying its charges in respect of the acquisition or erection and the maintenance and control of any telephone-lines in its district.

Further rating-powers for defraying charges in respect of telephone-lines.

4. (1.) In lieu of itself erecting and maintaining telephone-lines pursuant to the provisions of the principal Act, the local authority may, in the manner provided in Division II of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908, in respect of the construction of private lines, enter into a contract with the Governor-General, acting on behalf of His Majesty, for the construction and maintenance of telephone-lines in its district on the condition that the said local authority shall indemnify His Majesty for any loss that may be incurred in respect of the construction, working, or maintenance of such telephone-lines.

Local authority may arrange with Government to erect lines, indemnifying latter against loss.

(2.) For the purpose of meeting any claims arising out of such contract of indemnity the local authority may from time to time, by resolution, make and levy a special rate over all rateable property in its district or in any defined area thereof.

Power to levy special rate.