

Hon. Mr. Ward.

DESIGNATION OF DISTRICTS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable the Governor to assign Names to various Localities in the Colony, and from time to time to alter such Names. 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 Designation of Districts Act, 1894." Short Title.
- 2. The Governor in Council may from time to time, by Proclamation in the *Gazette*, subdivide any county into parishes or such other divisions as he may deem expedient, which shall have such limits, and bear and be known by such names or designations, as shall be prescribed in and by the Proclamation constituting the same. Governor may define and designate districts.
- 3. The Governor may assign a name or designation to any district, city, town (whether public or private), town district, village, valley, land area, railway, railway-station, goldfield or mining district, river, harbour, lake, bay, lagoon, creek, swamp, hill, mountain, glen, forest, or other place or locality whatsoever in New Zealand, and also may determine by what name any port of entry shall be designated; and may also from time to time, by Proclamation in the *Gazette*, alter the geographical name or designation of any place or locality in the colony, whether the same was given before or after the passing of this Act, but shall not alter the name of the colony. May assign names to localities, and may alter any such names.
- 4. The Governor in Council from time to time, at the request or with the consent of the Council of any county or borough, to be signified to the Governor by resolution of such Council adopted at any ordinary meeting thereof, may by Proclamation in the *Gazette* alter the name of any county or borough in the colony, whether existing before or after the passing of this Act. Governor in Council may, with their consent, alter names of boroughs and counties.

Where two or more towns, &c., have similar names, Governor may alter the name of either.

5. No two places in the colony, whether a city, town, town district, or private town or township, either now existing or hereafter to exist, shall bear the same name, or a name so similar to another or to others, with or without a prefix, as to lead to mistakes or confusion; and wherever such is the case, the Governor, notwithstanding anything contained in section *four*, may require the local authority of the place or places the more recent in date of existence under such name to submit a new name or names for the said places respectively for his approval. 5

On approval of such name or names, or on refusal or neglect of any local authority to submit as aforesaid a new name for the place under their jurisdiction within three months from the date of being required so to do as aforesaid, the Governor may, by Proclamation under section *three*, alter the name of such place as he shall think fit. 10

All towns or townships laid off in or upon any land other than Crown land shall be deemed to be private towns or townships, and shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of this Act as if they were public towns. 15

Proclamations to take effect only at a future date.

6. Every Proclamation issued under this Act—

(1.) Shall take effect only at such date as may be fixed in the said or any subsequent Proclamation in that behalf, not earlier than six months after the first publication thereof in the *Gazette*; and 20

(2.) Shall be published in the *Gazette* at least once in every month intervening between its first publication and the taking effect thereof; and, 25

(3.) During the said interval of time, public notices of the proposed alteration of name shall be affixed and kept affixed at all the post-offices, public schools, Magistrates' Courts, and police-offices within the district or area to be affected by such alteration of name. 30

Saving.

7. Any such alteration of name as aforesaid shall not affect any rights or obligations of any district, city, town, or other locality, or of any Council, Board, authority or person, or render defective any legal proceedings; and any legal proceedings may be continued or commenced as if there were no alteration of name. 35

Repeal.

8. Section twelve of "The Land Act, 1892," is hereby repealed.