

Hon. Sir R. Stout.

ELECTORAL ACTS AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED.

AN ACT to amend the Law regulating the Registration of Electors and the Conduct of Elections for Members of the House of Representatives. Title.

5 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 Electoral Acts Amendment Act, 1887." Short Title.

10 1879:—  
2. For the purposes of "The Registration of Electors Act, What to be deemed date of issue of writ.

15 (1.) The day on which the Registrar of any electoral district receives a notification by letter, telegram, or otherwise that the Clerk of the Writs, or person acting for such clerk, has signed a writ for the election of a member or members for such district, shall be deemed to be the day of the issue of the said writ.

20 (2.) Any notice or any summons required to be sent, delivered, or served upon any person, may be sent through the post by registered letter addressed to the person to or upon whom such notice or summons is required to be sent, delivered, or served; and the sending of such notice or summons in manner aforesaid shall be sufficient service. Notices or summonses may be served by registered letter.

25 (3.) Where any notice or summons is sent by registered letter through the post addressed to any person at his place of residence, as stated on the roll, with a special request that such letter may be returned to the sender at the expiration of a certain time if the person to whom the letter is addressed cannot be found, the return of such letter by the Post Office shall be deemed sufficient proof Returned letters to be proof of change of residence.

30 that the aforesaid person has quitted such place of residence, and the Registrar may remove the name of such

person from the roll under the authority of the *next following* section.

Registrar may remove off roll names of persons who have changed residence.

3. The Registrar shall remove from the roll of a district the name of every person who is enrolled thereon in respect of a residential qualification, and who shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Registrar to have left the district; and it shall not be necessary to summon any such person to Court previous to removing his name from such roll: 5

But no name shall be so removed until the expiration of one month after the time or the approximate time when such person is proved to have left the district, or until after the return by the Post Office of a registered letter addressed to such person in the district, unless the retention of the name of the said person on the said roll is objected to and such objection is sustained, in which case the Registrar shall remove such name forthwith. 10 15

No objection to be taken at poll against residential voter except he is registered elsewhere.

4. The Returning Officer shall allow any person to vote in respect of a residential qualification in any district if the name of such person is on the roll of such district, unless his vote is objected to by a duly qualified elector by reason that such person has left the said district, and is registered as a voter in some other district; in which case the said Returning Officer may, and if so required by any scrutineer shall, put to the said person the following questions:— 20

(a) "Do you still reside in the electoral district of [*Name of district*]?"

(b) "Are you registered on the electoral roll of any district other than this district in respect of any qualification whatever?" 25

If the aforesaid person shall answer the first question in the affirmative he shall be allowed to vote, and the second question shall not be put to him; but if he shall answer the first question in the negative, then the second question shall be put to him, and if he shall not answer such second question also in the negative, he shall not be permitted to vote. 30

The penalties for false answers imposed by section twenty-nine of "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1881," shall apply in respect to the above questions; but otherwise so much of the said section as conflicts with this section is hereby repealed. 35

No person to be put on roll after issue of writ.

5. It shall not be lawful for the Registrar of any electoral district at any time after the passing of this Act, under section six or section nine of "The Registration of Electors Act, 1879," to place on the electoral roll of such district the name of any person after the day on which a writ is issued for the election of a member of the House of Representatives for such district, and before such election is concluded. 40

Polling at elections to be open until 7 p.m.

6. Notwithstanding anything contained in section seventeen of "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1881," the polling at any elections under such Act shall not close until seven o'clock in the afternoon of the day appointed for the taking of the poll at such election. 45