

ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill amends the Electoral Act 1956.

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title.

Clause 2: The effect of this clause is that servicemen who are under 21 years of age will be qualified to vote if they are serving overseas in a special service area as members of a unit of the naval, military, or air forces of New Zealand stationed in that area.

A special service area for this purpose is an area outside New Zealand declared by Order in Council to be a special service area on the ground that warlike operations in or affecting that area are being carried on or a state of disturbance in or affecting that area exists or there is an imminent threat of such operations or such a disturbance.

Hon. Mr Hanan

ELECTORAL AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

Title	1. Short Title
	2. Voting rights of servicemen overseas

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Electoral Act 1956

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Electoral
Amendment Act 1966, and shall be read together with and
deemed part of the Electoral Act 1956* (hereinafter referred
to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Voting rights of servicemen overseas**—(1) Section 99 of
the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph
(e), and substituting the following paragraph:

“(e) Any serviceman who is outside New Zealand, if—

15 “(i) He is or will be of or over the age of
twenty-one years before polling day; or

*1957 Reprint, Vol. 4, p. 341

Amendments: 1958, No. 64; 1959, No. 60; 1960, No. 4; 1963, No. 85;
1965, No. 17

“(ii) He will not attain that age before polling day but is on the date on which he exercises his vote serving in a special service area as a member of a unit of the naval, military, or air forces of New Zealand stationed in that area,—
and his place of residence immediately before he left New Zealand is within the district.”

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(2) Section 99 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by adding, as subsections (2) and (3), the following subsections:

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“(2) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, declare any specified area outside New Zealand to be a special service area for the purposes of paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of this section, if he is satisfied that warlike operations are being carried on in or affecting that area or that a state of disturbance in or affecting that area exists, or that there is an imminent threat of such operations or such a disturbance.

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“(3) In paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of this section the term ‘unit’, in relation to the naval, military, or air forces of New Zealand, includes any section, detachment, or ship thereof.”

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