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ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (NO. 2)

ANALYSIS

Title		1. Short Title
		2. Candidates' meetings

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 1965, and shall be read together with and
form part of the Electoral Act 1956 (hereinafter referred to
as the principal Act).

10 **2. Candidates' meetings**—Section 149 of the principal Act
is hereby amended by adding the following subsections:

“(3) No bylaw of a local authority shall be effectual to
prevent a candidate or his agent in accordance with the
next subsection:

15 “(a) Addressing a meeting of electors in any road or street,
or making announcements in any road or street of
such a meeting;

“(b) Using an amplifier for his voice at such a meeting, or
for such announcement;

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- “(c) Exhibiting a fixed notice or sign announcing the time and place of the meeting; or
- “(d) Circulating handbills announcing the meeting.
- “(4) The provisions of the last preceding subsection shall apply to a meeting— 5
- “(a) If it be held—
- “(i) In any place declared to be a commercial or industrial area between the hours of noon and two o’clock in the afternoon and between the hours of half past five and nine o’clock in the evening on any day other than Sunday; or 10
- “(ii) In any other place between the hours of half past five and half past eight in the evenings of any day other than Saturday or Sunday or between the hours of half past eight in the morning and two o’clock in the afternoon on Saturdays; and 15
- “(b) If it be also held during the five weeks immediately preceding the polling day; and
- “(c) If there be no hindrance caused by the meeting to traffic of any description actually seeking to use the road or street at the time of the meeting; and 20
- “(d) If at the meeting the total time occupied by announcement of speeches by agents does not exceed the total time occupied by the candidate himself speaking and the putting of questions to him and his answering them; and 25
- “(e) Shall apply to the use of an amplifier of not more than five watts capacity used from a fixed station during the meeting, or from any place or places within four hundred yards of the place of meeting during the twenty minutes immediately preceding the meeting; and 30
- “(f) Shall apply to one fixed notice having a superficial area of not exceeding ten square feet, announcing the time and place of such a meeting, displayed wholly within the forty-eight hours immediately preceding the time of the holding of the meeting; and shall apply to handbills announcing the time and place of such a meeting or meetings and delivered into letter boxes or into other receptacles.” 35 40