

Sir G. Grey.

ELECTIVE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

Title.

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

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Elective Justices of the Peace Act, 1885," and it shall be read and incorporated with "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

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2. Sections four and five of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882," are hereby repealed.

Repeal of sections 4 and 5 of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

10 3. Any Commission of the Peace which may be in existence at the time of the coming into operation of this Act shall cease to be of any force and effect one month after the publication in the *Gazette*, by the Colonial Secretary, of the names of the persons who have been elected Justices of the colony under this Act.

Cessation of any existing Commission of the Peace.

15 4. Any person capable of becoming a member of the General Assembly shall be capable of being elected or appointed a Justice, but, in addition to the disqualifications named in section seven of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882," any person who shall be convicted of any felony or infamous offence shall thereupon cease to be a Justice.

Qualification and disqualification.

20 5. "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," is hereby incorporated with and shall be read as part of this Act for the purposes of the elections hereunder.

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25 6. The Governor shall, on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and on the same day in every third year hereafter, publish a Proclamation assigning the number of Justices for each electorate of the colony which the electors of the

Governor assign number of Justices.

several electorates shall be entitled under the provisions of this Act to choose and elect to be Justices of the said colony for the space of three years from the date of such election, and such Justices shall hold office until the result of the next elections is notified in the *Gazette* as herein prescribed: Provided always that any duly-qualified Justice may be re-elected. 5

Returning Officers to notify results of elections.

7. The Returning Officers shall notify the result of the elections to the Colonial Secretary, who shall thereupon notify in the *Gazette* the names of the Justices elected.

Provision for increasing number of Justices and filling vacancies.

8. If the Governor shall at any time be satisfied that a sufficient number of Justices has not been assigned to any electorate, or if from the isolation or remoteness of any district from the centre of any electorate additional Justices are necessary, or if from any cause vacancies occur which reduce the number of Justices below the number which the Governor deems necessary for any electorate, he may from time to time appoint additional persons in any such electorates to be Justices by commissions under his hand, and the notification in the *Gazette* of such appointments shall be sufficient evidence of the appointment of such person to be a Justice, and such appointments so made by the Governor shall last and have force and effect until the election of Justices next after the date of such appointments. 10 15 20

Mayors of boroughs to be Justices.

9. The Mayor of any borough shall be deemed to be duly elected a Justice under this Act during the time that he shall hold office as such Mayor.

Justices may resign.

10. Any Justice may at any time, by writing under his hand addressed to the Minister of Justice, resign his position as Justice, which resignation shall be notified in the *Gazette*. 25