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ELECTOR REGISTRATION EXTENSION BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill extends the latest day on which electors may register from writ day to the day before polling day.

The effect of the Bill is to restore the position to that which applied before the enactment of the Electoral Act 1993 for elections of members of the House of Representatives.

Rt. Hon. Jonathan Hunt

ELECTOR REGISTRATION EXTENSION

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to restore the day before polling day as the latest day for the registration of electors for elections of members of the House of Representatives, and to amend the Electoral Act 1993

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be read as the Elector Registration Extension Act 1994, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Electoral Act 1993 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Applications received after issue of writ—The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section 88, and substituting the following section:

“88. (1) Where a writ has been issued for an election in a district, then, subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the Registrar shall not, at any time in the period beginning at 4 p.m. on the day before polling day and ending with the day of the return of the writ, register any application for registration as an elector that the Registrar receives after 4 p.m. on the day before polling day.

“(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) of this section, an application for registration shall be deemed to have been received before 4 p.m. on the day before polling day if—

“(a) The application or the envelope in which it is contained bears a postmark or date stamp impressed at any

New Zealand Post outlet or agency before 4 p.m. on that day; or

“(b) The applicant for registration produces a receipt which relates to the application and which was issued by any New Zealand Post outlet or agency before 4 p.m. on that day. 5

“(3) Where any person applies for registration after a writ has been issued for an election in a district and before 4 p.m. on the day before polling day,—

“(a) The Registrar shall, if the Registrar is satisfied that that person is qualified to be registered, forthwith enter the name of that person on the electoral roll; and 10

“(b) The Registrar shall not be required to enter the name of that person on the main roll or any supplementary roll or composite roll used at that election; and 15

“(c) That person may, at that election, vote only by way of a special vote.”