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LAND ACT 1877 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title. Preamble. 1. Short Title. 2. Revocation of the power vested in the Board by the said Act to determine the leasing or otherwise of waste lands in Otago and Southland, held under license or lease for depasturing purposes.</p>	<p>3. Power so revoked vested in Governor. 4. Conditions contained in the said Act not altered by this Act. 5. County Councils constituted Boards of Advice. 6. Governor to make regulations. 7. Saving clause.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to further amend "The Land Act 1877."

Title.
Preamble.

WHEREAS it is desirable to make better provision for the settlement of the waste lands of the Crown now held under license or lease for depasturing purposes in the Districts of Otago and Southland :

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1880." Short Title.

It shall be read subject to the interpretations contained in the fourth section of "The Land Act, 1877" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), except- 10 where the same may be inconsistent with the context of this Act.

2. Wherever in the said Act the Waste Lands Boards of the districts of Otago and Southland are, or either of them is, empowered to determine whether it is expedient to lease again for depasturing purposes either the whole or any part of any lands held under license or lease for such purposes in the Districts 15 of Otago and Southland, or whether such lands, either as to the whole or as to any part thereof, as the case may be, are required for sale as rural lands under Part II. of the said Act, or for sale and settlement on deferred payments under Part III. of the said Act ; and is authorized in either such case to deal with the said lands, the power and authority vested in the said Boards, or either of them, 20 is hereby revoked, and shall have no force or effect from and after the coming into operation of this Act.

3. The Governor shall have all the power and authority hitherto vested in the said Board or Boards by the said Act in respect to the letting again for depasturing purposes or other disposal of the whole or any part of the lands 25 in the Districts of Otago and Southland held as aforesaid under license or lease for depasturing purposes.

4. The conditions contained in the said Act in regard to the further disposal after the expiration of the existing license or lease of any lands or parts 30

of lands situated in the Districts of Otago and Southland, held as aforesaid, shall remain in full force and effect, except as herein provided.

County Councils
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5. The Councils of the several counties in the Districts of Otago and Southland shall be and are hereby constituted Boards of Advice, to assist the Governor in determining whether the whole or any part of lands held under license or lease for depasturing purposes within the boundaries of their several districts shall be again leased either in whole or in part, subject to the limitations in the said Act contained for depasturing purposes; or whether, or in what manner, such lands so held as aforesaid shall be otherwise disposed of. 5

Governor to make
regulations.

6. The Governor shall have power from time to time to make rules, regulations, and orders, to alter or rescind such rules, regulations, and orders, for prescribing in what manner such Boards of Advice shall consider and report upon the several matters referred to them by the Governor; and all such rules, regulations, or orders shall be laid before both Houses of the Assembly, as is provided in the said Act in regard to rules, regulations, and orders made thereunder. 10 15

Saving clause.

7. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect or interfere with any acts done, appointments rules or orders duly made, and proceedings lawfully taken by the Land Board of Otago or Southland under powers vested in them, or either of them, by the said Act prior to the coming into operation of this Act. 20